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Marvin Tamangided, the new CNMI State Teacher of the Year, speaks to the crowd after his name was announced at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. He has been a teacher at Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School for the last five years.

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Tamangided is Teacher of the Year

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Marvin Tamangided of the Dr. Rita Inos Jr. Sr. High School is the CNMI State Teacher of the Year for school year 2014-2015.

Along with Tamangided, Norissa Camacho of Kagman High School was awarded the State Instructor of the Year, and Preston Basa of Marianas High School was awarded State Teacher Aide of the Year at a Public School System banquet at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort Wednesday night.

The three awardees topped a pool of 20 other candidates from all of the CNMI's public schools.

Judges this year were Shirley Sablan, First Hawaiian Bank's Businesswoman of the Year; Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services at Northern

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NMDC backs reversal of ruling on voting rights

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» NMDC counsel Horey says Davis' lawsuit 'a case of a wolf in sheep's clothing'

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp., a not-for-profit group, has submitted a brief supporting the Commonwealth Election Commission's and Gov. Eloy S. Inos' appeal to reverse the federal court's ruling that would allow voters who are not of Northern Marianas descent to vote on Article 12 initiative or any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

At a news briefing yesterday at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan, NMDC president Herman R. Guerrero disclosed that they filed an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit last week.

An *amicus curiae* refers to a brief filed in court by any entity who is not a party to a case.

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Only Babauta takes part in 'job interview'



JAYSON CAMACHO
Independent Juan N. Babauta was the lone gubernatorial candidate who attended last night's Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Gubernatorial Forum at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

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Like previous forums that featured gubernatorial candidates for the 2014 general elections, only former governor Juan N. Babauta took part in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Gubernatorial Forum last night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

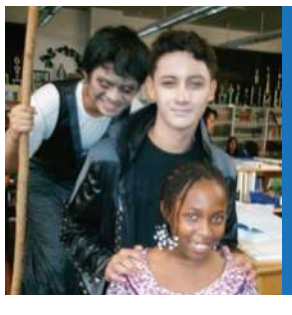
Chamber president Alex Sablan said "every effort and every attempt" was made to have all the candidates for governor attend the event but only Babauta showed up and it's a credit to him that he attended the forum despite the circumstances.

Speaking before a sparse crowd of around 40, Babauta said his approach on gubernatorial forums is that they're like job interviews in that you have to show up for it if you really want the job.

"I view the gubernatorial forum as application for a job. I'm always prepared to go through the interview. I'm prepared to answer

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Probable cause is found to file charges against sex offender

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found probable cause to file five charges against Jose Albert Santos, a registered sex offender who was arrested recently for allegedly sexually abusing a 15-year-old boy since last month.

At a preliminary hearing Wednesday afternoon, Camacho determined that there's probable cause to believe that the 53-year-old Santos may have committed three counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and two counts of disturbing the peace.

However, he found no probable cause for two counts of sexual assault in the first degree, saying these charges are contained in the two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. He dismissed these two charges without prejudice.

Dismissed without prejudice means the prosecution can refile the charges in the future.

Santos will be arraigned on Nov. 3. He was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy argued for the government. Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg served as counsel for Santos.

Police said the alleged victim claimed that Santos began sexually abusing him early this year when he went to the suspect's house to get a stick of cigarette. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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More poké for Hawaii—from NMI's bigeye quota

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric recently approved Amendment 7 to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, which in part allows participating U.S. territories to sell part of their bigeye tuna quota to Hawaiian fishing vessels.

With the rule, the National Marine Fisheries Service sets a catch limit of 2,000 metric tons for longline bigeye tuna caught in the CNMI, American Samoa, and Guam. It also allows the CNMI to allocate 1,000 metric ton of that limit to eligible U.S. longline fishing vessels annually.

According to a West Hawaii Today report, the U.S. quota is set by international law at 3,763 metric tons for longline-caught bigeye tuna in the western and central Pacific Ocean, but with the new rule the territories can "sell their rights" to half of their quota and in effect give the U.S. fleet an additional 3,000 metric tons to work with.

But according to the news outlet, National Marine Fisheries Service does not anticipate the overall catch of bigeye to increase by 1,000 metric tons, as U.S. vessels can only enter into one fishing agreement with a territory at a time, and fishing limits will be reviewed every year.

The final rule was effective Oct. 24.

In the rule's summary, National Marine Fisheries Service called the action "consistent with international objectives of ending overfishing of bigeye tuna."

The final rule also implements a management framework for specifying catch limits and accountability measures in the U.S. Pacific territories.

According to the West Hawaii Today story, Hawaii Sen. Brian Schwatz cited the "threat of shortage" of ahi during the holiday season as one reason why he pushed for the rule.

It was reported that Schwatz worked with National Marine Fisheries Service, the Hawaii Longline Association, and the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council to get this done.

"For many years, the threat of a shortage during the holidays has caused higher prices for families and less productivity for our fishermen. That's why I am so pleased we were able to work with both NOAA and the Hawaii longliners…ensuring families won't experience any shortage of sashimi when ringing in the New Year," Schatz said in a statement.

However, environmental groups like Earthjustice and the Center of Biological Diversity reportedly disapprove of the rule, with some calling it a "cynical workaround" and "mockery" of international law, according to the West Hawaii Today report.



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More psychiatric evaluation for suspected 'ice' supplier

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered further psychiatric evaluation for Yu Hua Wang, the alleged second in command of an organization of drug suppliers on Saipan who is reportedly possibly suffering from brain injury.

Manglona made the decision after Wang's court-appointed counsel, Robert T. Torres, stated that he consulted with the U.S. government that the court continue the competency issue for 30 more days.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton did not object to Torres' request for further examination and joined in the recommendation that Wang be referred off-island.

Torres disclosed that, according to the three psychiatric reports by Dr. Laura Post, the doctor was unable to make a determination and that it was an inconclusive finding.

Torres said that from reading Post's reports, he was even more concerned with Wang's ability to assist him.

After hearing the arguments of Torres and Naughton, Manglona granted the parties' joint motion for Wang's further examination.

Manglona said Wang shall be provided the service through the Bureau of Prisons and that the period of examination will be for 30 days.

After the examination is concluded, then a competency hearing will be held.

Manglona set the competency hearing on Jan. 5, 2015.

In Wang's previous request for a competency examination, Torres disclosed that Wang has been complaining of severe headaches and pain while in detention, affecting his understanding of documents that were being reviewed with him by his lawyer.

Torres said Wang's pretrial services evaluation indicates a traumatic brain injury from an assault several years ago.

Wang was among seven persons arrested in February for alleged "ice" distribution. Except for Wang, all pleaded guilty. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Attorney Joseph E. Horey filed the brief on behalf of NMDC. When asked if he is representing NMDC pro bono (for free), Horey said they're "currently working on it."

Horey said NMDC filed the brief in support of the voting restriction and in support of the government's position, urging the Ninth Circuit to reverse U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona's decision and allow the restriction to stand.

When asked what grounds they cited in their brief, Horey said they argued some issues a bit differently from how the government argued them.

"That's what the court wants to see in an amicus brief. The court does not need another organization to come in and say we agree with what the other party already said," Horey stated.

What's more helpful to the court, he said, is to look at the issues from other perspectives and some arguments that may haven't been seen from the parties.

The lawyer said they included some additional arguments beyond those already raised by the government a week earlier.

Horey clarified that NMDC was not involved in the sequestration of ballots issue that the government recently brought before the District Court.

"We're just addressing the main merits of whether the voting restriction should be upheld," the lawyer added.

In the brief, Horey described John H. Davis Jr.'s lawsuit as "case of a wolf in sheep's clothing."

Though styled as a reverse discrimination case, Davis' lawsuit has nothing to do with preventing racial discrimination or protecting civil rights, Horey said.

Instead, Davis' case seeks to deny a multi-ethnic people—people of Northern Marianas descent—the means to secure a fundamental right guaranteed to them by the Covenant, namely the benefit of the CNMI's government power, notwithstanding federal law, to restrict the acquisition of long-term interests in CNMI land to NMDs, Horey said.

He said Article 18 Section 5(c) of the CNMI Constitution further implements and safeguards the integrity of the rights guaranteed by Section 805.

Horey said that Manglona's decision finding it unconstitutional was fatally flawed, as she failed to adequately consider the CNMI's exceptional status under U.S. constitutional law, including the threshold issue of whether the 14th and 15th amendments, as they apply to the CNMI via the Covenant, even reach Article 18, Section 5 (c).

Horey said this is not a case of a state abridging the right to vote in a state election on account of race.

"This is a constitutionally exceptional jurisdiction utilizing a recognized classification derived from a political agreement designed to protect the future of the CNMI and its people," he said.

He said Article 18 Section 5 (c) of the CNMI Constitution is beyond the reach of the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and thus incapable of being unconstitutional.

Horey said even if it is not beyond the reach of those amendments, Article 18, 5 (c) still violates neither.

Moreover, he said, even if Article 18 Section 5 (c) is determined to violate those amendments, it is still valid because its adoption, as an exercise of CNMI self-government, limits the force of those amendments in the CNMI.

"The people of the Northern Marianas had the Hawaiian example (and countless similar examples) before them when they entered into the Covenant, and it was their clear intent, with respect to their lands, that no such epitaph would ever be written about them," he said, adding the Ninth Circuit should reverse Manglona's judgment.

Aside from Guerrero and Horey, among those present at the briefing were NMDC member Remy Sablan, NMD advocates Lino Olopai and Analee Villagomez, Saipan senatorial candidate Jesus Taisague, delegate candidate Andrew Salas, and others.

Talking about equal voting rights, Sablan questioned why the people of the CNMI can't vote for the U.S. president.

Davis, a registered voter in the CNMI and a non-NMD, sued CEC and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12. Manglona ruled in favor of Davis.

In that May 20, 2014, landmark decision, Manglona ruled that qualified voters who are not NMD must have the opportunity to vote on Article 12 initiative or any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

CEC appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

CEC and Inos then filed the motion for sequestration before the Ninth Circuit last Oct. 10, but the appellate court rejected it and instead indicated that they should file the motion in the District Court. Manglona also denied the motion.

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Marianas College; and Agnes McPhetres of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

Before the announcement of this year's Teacher of the Year, last year's awardee, Paul Miura, took the stage for what he thought would be his "passing of the torch" speech. However, he realized that, like runners in the Olympics, one does not really hand over the proverbial torch to others but just ignites theirs.

"Share your flame with others," he told the teacher nominees in the crowd.

Miura's year was a busy one, attending various teacher leadership conferences as TOY for the CNMI, and even going to the White House to meet the President.

Board of Education member Lucy Blanco-Maratita, whose term ends this year, shared with the crowd her "last words," as she called it.

She broadened PSS' 2014-15 theme, "Grab the Wheels of Education…Steer your way to success," into the metaphor of a car. She asked the crowd what part of the car a teacher would be—the engine, wheels, airbags, or even radio?

"No matter what part you choose, they are all critical, crucial, necessary, and important," she said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan talked of PSS' growth throughout the years. She said that salaries have about doubled, qualifications have risen, Kindergarten has been offered in schools—all since 1976 when PSS first began.

She said they must place an emphasis on teacher leadership and continue to "recruit the very best."

'Honored, humbled, surprised'

Teacher Aide of the Year Preston Basa said he was shocked but honored to receive the award.

"It's a hard job. Not a lot of people can do it so I receive this award on behalf of all the teacher aides in the CNMI," he said.

Camacho also said she was surprised that her hard work has paid off in a really humbling experience.

"I'm very thankful to whoever voted, nominated, and selected me as Instructor of the Year," she said.

When his name was announced, Tamangided sat frozen in his chair on stage, taking him several seconds to absorb the news. He said he was shocked to be nominated and selected as a finalist, but even more astounded to be chosen as Teacher of the Year.

Tamangided is in his fifth year teaching on Rota. He is originally from Saipan, attending Garapan Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Marianas High School before heading to Guam for college.

It was in his final year in college, when he attended a teaching recruitment seminar in Guam in his final semester, that he met the then-principal of Rota's high school, Maryann Quitugua.

"She really asked me… 'Marvin, come to a place where you can really make a difference. You are needed more in Rota than in Saipan. Hearing that need, I decided it's best I go [there]," he said.

To be selected as TOY, Tamangided had to write as much as eight essays on his teaching philosophy, his credentials, his biography, and his message as possible Teacher of the Year.

"My teaching philosophy? I believe our children are multiple learners and we cannot expect the students to respond to us—we have to respond to the way they learn," he said.

Of the busy year ahead of him, Tamangided said he wants to discuss with other teachers all over the nation the issue of teacher retention, and how schools can keep its most effective teachers.

"This is a recognition, but I want people to know it's also a responsibility, so I vow and I promise to represent education issues concerning our teachers and our students in the best way possible," he said.

While at the top of his profession with the award, he did note that the biggest challenge he had to overcome was his instructional delivery.

"Anybody can know something, but how you teach it to someone is a whole different ball game. I had to learn my ways, my strategies, and what works best for me because every teacher is different, and that was a challenge because I was developing that… and I'm still developing it."

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questions," the independent candidate said in his opening statement.

With incumbent Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the CNMI Republican Party, CNMI Democratic Party's Edward M. Deleon Guerrero, and independent Heinz S. Hofschneider all absent, the Chamber veered away from its usual format.

Instead of five randomly picked questions, Babauta was allowed to answer all questions submitted to the Chamber days before the event.

The first question involved the casino industry and whether Babauta was amenable to using proceeds from it to pay the 25 percent deferred payment of retirees' pensions.

Babauta said the issue is already moot with the passage of the casino law but he would've tackled it differently by making sure that the deal wouldn't have been too lopsided in favor of the casino industry.

He said this could've been done with a labor, wage, and development provisions in the casino law that would prevent CNMI taxpayers "from getting burned in the future."

On the land alienation issue, Babauta said he's in favor of less restrictive and longer land leases in the case of public lands, but in another breath said that Article 11 and 12 didn't prevent the CNMI from enjoying an economic boom in the 1990s.

The former governor said that if he is fortunate enough to win the governorship, he will make sure to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on time to avoid issues currently plaguing the utilities company, which is owed $27 million by the government.

On whether the public auditor should be an elected position, Babauta said he doesn't want to politicize the post and that the vetting process of the House of Representatives is good enough to screen the public auditor's credibility and aptitude for the job,

Babauta was also asked if the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is better served with a governing board than an advisory board and the former CHCC CEO said he would prefer the former than the latter. He said autonomy would allow CHCC to do its job better and steer it away from political interference.

On the Public School System getting 25 percent of the annual CNMI budget under House Legislative Initiative 18-12, Babauta said the current setup is working, with the government currently appropriating about a quarter of its budget despite the CNMI Constitution only requiring 15 percent.

He said he would also convince former CNMI residents and students abroad to return to the islands by coming up with what he calls a "wage creation" that will give them competitive salaries that can keep up with the rising cost of living.

To do this, he will need the cooperation of private companies and organizations like the Chamber, adding that better compensated employees will result in happier employees that are loyal and more productive.

Higher pay will also give them disposable income that will circulate in the local economy, Babauta said in an interview after the forum.

On the issue of Pagan and the proposed divert airfield on Saipan, Babauta said it all boils down on the promise of the Covenant and whether what the military is proposing will be of benefit to the local community.

He said he would like to sit down with the U.S. Department of Defense and present to them his and the community's concerns, adding that "bombing Pagan for public purpose" is debatable.

Under the Covenant, the U.S. military has the right to exercise eminent domain in the CNMI for public purpose.

It was earlier reported that Hofschneider and Torres begged off from attending the event because of the absence of Inos. The latter was set to return to Saipan yesterday but sources said he's still in the Philippines after scheduling problems with his flight.

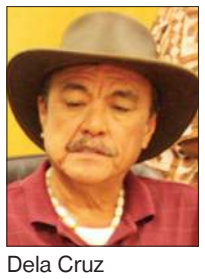
Aside from the Chamber, the Northern Marianas College and the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. also held forums for governor candidates and only Babauta attended.

Tinian mayor asks Kia'aina for military expert's assistance

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz has written to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs to ask for technical assistance on military development issues.

Specifically, Dela Cruz wants to hire a retired military officer who will help Tinian deal with the several military plans involving the island.


Dela Cruz


Kia'aina

In a letter dated yesterday, Dela Cruz asked Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther P. Kia'aina for help in finding a qualified candidate.

"As I explained to your predecessor, we need a highly qualified individual, preferably a retired military officer experienced in Pacific affairs and environmental impact studies," Dela Cruz told Kia'aina.

Most importantly, the technical assistant will help Tinian with the Commonwealth Joint Military Training plan or CJMT.

The U.S military is spending upwards of $30 million on the CJMT EIS.

At the same time, the U.S Air Force will soon issue an extensive "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" detailing how they want to maximize the use of Tinian leased lands.

The U.S. Congress has authorized millions of dollars for the military to prepare their plans for the island, but nothing for Tinian to prepare its responses: "How will the military development impact our tourism and cattle industries? How we can make them work together?" Dela Cruz asked Kia'aina.

"Then, the final EIS on the CJMT will be issued, followed by a Record of Decision from the U.S Marine Corps and probably congressional hearings. It isn't fair that we don't have top quality technical assistants on our staff, as does the military," Dela Cruz said.

Back in September 2012, Dela Cruz wrote then-Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Anthony Babauta to ask for a technical assistant to advise the Tinian leadership.

Dela Cruz also reached out to Gov. Eloy S. Inos in April this year, asking for help in providing a technical assistant to Tinian. Dela Cruz had also asked former governor Ben Fitial for the same thing.

In her recent visit to Tinian, Kia'aina assured Dela Cruz that when she reaches Washington D.C, she plans "to be Tinian's advocate," but Tinian has yet to receive further notice or information.

"We need the same high quality people on our side of the table. Without that support, I fear there will be negative repercussions after the Record of Decision is issued and our people feel they have not received a fair deal," Dela Cruz said.

3 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Bird Island Beach, Hidden Beach, and the Old Man by the Sea and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

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HSEM chief takes part in telecom with Obama over Ebola

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Homeland Security and Emergency Management special adviser Marvin K. Seman was briefed about the federal government's plans to fight the Ebola contagion by no less than President Barrack Obama himself during a teleconference earlier this month.

"They highlighted some of the plans that the President had mentioned during a conference. It was an in-person [teleconference] so it wasn't a recording or an echoing of what the president wanted. He was actually on the line so it gave us the opportunity to engage with him if we wanted to," Seman said.

The teleconference with Obama was coordinated by the National Governors Association and the White House and involved the heads of various departments under Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, and Department of Homeland Security.

"[Obama] basically expressed concern about the Ebola crisis that is happening in West Africa and the efforts the U.S. is trying to do to help curb that number. As you know there are over 4,500 fatalities associated with this and suspected Ebola cases are popping up just about every part of the world because it's considered an international concern."

Seman said that, as part of the U.S. family, the CNMI should be prepared to deal with the contagion like other parts of the nation.

"We're on the same field. We're under the U.S. flag and there are a lot of guidance and coordination coming out just about every day in terms of understanding Ebola and about its threat and how it poses [a danger] to the community and that we need to take it seriously."

He said the most important information being disseminated on Ebola is for people to be vigilant about the disease.

"We have to be very vigilant. That's the main thing. We're not trying to instill panic. Ebola, just like any virus that enters a human body, reacts to it almost similarly. You get fever, you start sweating, coughing, headache, body ache. So it mimics just about every type of virus most of the time. From Homeland Security's perspective, we just want to track everything around us and see what trends are coming in."

Seman said the problem sometimes is that when HSEM steps in, people think it tends to overkill the response efforts.

"But there's nothing worse than under-responding to a situation because the ramifications are not acceptable," he said.

The local HSEM chief said Obama is looking at the Ebola crisis as a national security concern. "He was very firm with what he wants. He's very concerned. He reiterated time and time again during the phone conversation that this has become now a national security priority."

Seman's advise to the community is to learn anything and everything it can about Ebola, albeit they should make sure it comes from the proper channels.

"My message to the community right now is to be vigilant. Information, the right information, is power and knowledge to them. Learning and understanding about Ebola through the CDC or DHS websites or public health is the right way to go. Getting the right information and understanding what is Ebola and what it is not is the better way for people to be prepared. Having the wrong information or having little information, you tend to overreact and that's what causes a lot of problems. When you overreact to a situation, we overestimate and we start accusing whoever has the flu as an Ebola patient."

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Net metering approved for CUC's residential customers

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board approved yesterday a net metering program for residential consumers that would allow homeowners to install solar panels in their houses and get paid for any excess power it returns to the CUC grid.

The CUC board approved the implementation of the net metering program for residential customers only at 12:30pm. It will only apply to any applicant requesting up to 10 kilowatt per hour and not to exceed 70 percent of its consumption.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher told board members that CUC has about 10,000 residential consumers.

Net metering is a low-cost type of renewable energy technology that allows customers to bank their energy and use it at their convenience.

Fletcher said that having net metering is a great concept that will allow customers to sell back power they produce to CUC.

One example the CUC board brought up was that if a residential customer were to install solar panels and self-generate more power than they can use, customers will be able to sell back power to CUC.

CUC may also benefit from net metering because when customers are self-generating electricity during peak periods, CUC's system load factor will also improve.

Section 8634 of Public Law 15-23, which establishes the requirements for the use of renewable energy, energy efficiency and for other energy and cost-saving measures, states that "the electric utility shall develop a standard contract or tariff providing for net energy metering and shall make this contract or tariff available to eligible customer-generators, upon request, on a first-come-first-served basis until the time that the total available capacity produced by eligible customer-generators equals 30 percent of the electric utility's system peak demand; provided that, on good cause shown, the regulator may increase, by rule or order, this percentage amount."

Fletcher said that back in 2013 they have been on hold for net metering and have been processing quite a lot of applications. He said the reason for this is that the board can approve the residential part and in the process will give CUC enough time to devise a proper way of putting "light" commercial customers under net metering.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approved the proposed net metering tariff at its Jan. 27 public hearing.

COTA turns to Legislature for help with bus system

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With the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority failing to get the two federal grants it needed to craft a public transportation system on Saipan, COTA now turns to the Legislature to fund the bus system.

Special assistant for public transportation Tom Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that to sustain a transit system for the long term, "it's imperative that taxes either from excise or fuel as well as fees from vehicle registration be considered to support a sustainable public transportation.

"Federal Transit Administration grants, fare, and other revenue to be derived from advertising and parking meter fare collections will supplement a good percentage of the costs or expenses to operate and maintain a transit system but it is not enough to support the entire costs in running or operating and maintaining a public transportation system," he added.

In February this year, COTA submitted its request for entry into the Capital Investments Grants and Small Starts Program; unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Transportation's budget for fiscal year 2015 did not include COTA.

In April, COTA asked the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation for $908,566 to finance the operational costs of the Saipan Fixed-Flex Route System.

"However, COTA did not received any response from the [delegation] chairman if our request is being considered," Camacho said.

The amount would have allowed COTA to recruit 20 transit operators and one transit supervisor for two shifts per day.

"Once COTA starts generating revenue from the fare box collections and COTA's program income from advertisements on buses and bus stop shelters, including the recent law authorizing that 50 percent of revenue parking meter fares and fines, all that money will be deposited into COTA's special account," Camacho said. "This will eventually reduce the annual local appropriations."





Senate honors highest-ranking military officer from CNMI

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The Senate last week honored U.S. Army Col. Harry Camacho Blanco with a commemorative resolution that applauded him for becoming the highest ranking U.S. military official from the CNMI.

"The Senate of the 18th CNMI Legislature extends its heartfelt appreciation and support to Colonel Harry Camacho Blanco for his outstanding military and civic achievements …and expresses its pride, appreciation, recognition for his lifetime achievements as a civilian professional and an esteemed commissioner officer in he U.S. Army," the resolution read.

Blanco received an early commission as officer in 1984 and was assigned to Echo Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve Component of Guam.

That started a very decorated career in the military that reached its peak with his promotion as colonel. After 33 ½ years, Blanco retired from the U.S. Army last June and returned home to his native Saipan.

In an interview with media following the event at the Senate, Blanco said the presentation was supposed to happen a year ago when he was promoted to colonel.

"The date that I was supposed to get this resolution was the day I got my promotion from lieutenant colonel to colonel. It feels great to be honored not only by the Senate and the House but also the entire community here," he said.

Blanco said it was always been a childhood dream of his to become a soldier.

"From the village of Chalan Kanoa, District 1 growing up as a kid I always wanted to become a member of the military, the army particularly. It's always been a dream and I fulfilled the dream in joining the military. And when I became a member of the U.S. Army I tried to fulfill more goals and I became an officer. When I became an officer I pursued step-by-step up the ranks to become where I am right now."

He added that the CNMI is always a good source of recruits for the military and that he is encouraging the young people of the islands to enlist.

"I've been taking to kids around here and try to mentor them a little bit. I encourage them to go to school and become an officer. It's always a dream from people from here and we have a lot of capable kids from here that can go to school and kill two birds with one stone—be a commissioned officer and get their degree," said the alumnus of the University of Guam.

Blanco said being in the military for more than 30 years he always made it a point to tell everyone he knows where he came from in an effort to somehow put the CNMI in the map.

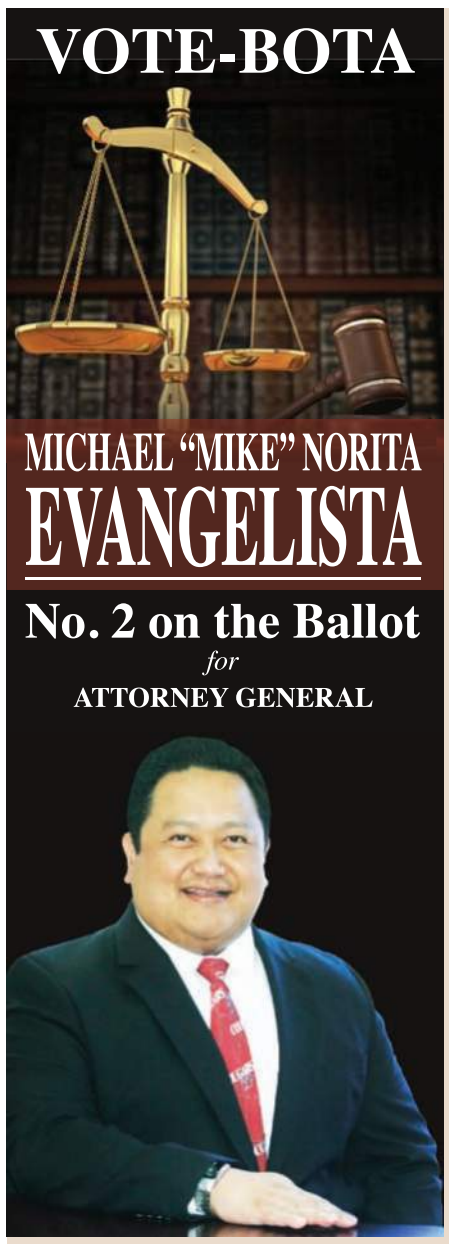
"I always make my peers aware where I come from. We're part of the American family but a lot of them don't know where Saipan is or where the Northern Marianas is. That's always what I try to do and let them know where I come from and I'm from Saipan."

Blanco said now that he's back home with family and friends he's trying to figure things out on what the best way to contribute to the community.



MARK RABAGO

Members of the Senate and family of U.S. Army Col. Harry Camacho Blanco, center, pose for a photo after 33-year veteran received a commemorative resolution last Friday from the upper chamber for being the highest ranking military officer from the CNMI.



Hafa Adai, Tirow and Greetings,

My name is Michael "Mike" Norita Evangelista and I am running for Attorney General for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

I was born and raised in Tanapag, Saipan, and I am of Chamorro-Carolinian-Filipino descent. I am proud of my multi-ethnic, multi-cultural identity, which is reflective of the CNMI's diverse population. My parents are the late Carlos C. Evangelista of Lucena City, Philippines, and Ramona Lieto Norita Evangelista of Tanapag. I'm a proud father to my son, Mikiotti "Miki" Evangelista. I attended Tanapag Elementary School, Hopwood Jr. High School, and earned my high school diploma at Marianas High School.

I began my quest for higher education at the Northern Marianas College, where I earned my Association of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts. I then attended Washington State University where, despite the rigors of college academia and single parenthood, I successfully earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. I returned home after college and worked as a Legislative Assistant for the CNMI Legislature before setting my sights on law school. I pursued and successfully earned my Juris Doctorate Degree (JD) at the University of Idaho College of Law. Upon returning home from law school, I held numerous positions, including Law Clerk at the CNMI Superior Court, Special Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff for the Speaker's Office, and then as an Assistant Attorney General, where I worked as a Prosecutor in the Criminal Division.

In 2010, the urge to serve the public and impact lives on a more personal and individual level grew upon me and I opened my private law firm to serve and defend those brought before our judicial system. I practice in the areas of criminal defense, civil litigation, business transaction and formation, and probate matters.

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I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming elections for Attorney General this coming November 4, 2014.

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Ukraine voters deliver a mandate: Go west



Ukraine's parliamentary election, which occurred with a modest 51 percent turnout, constitutes a victory for the country's pro-Western political parties.

The results, however, fail to deal with three major problems. The first is the fighting which continues to sputter in the east, centered on the self-declared independent Donetsk People's Republic. Donetsk, which did not participate in Sunday's vote, has scheduled its own election for next month. Fighting there pits Ukrainian government forces against separatist forces supported by Russia.

The second unresolved problem is the bruising that remains from Russia's annexation of Crimea, also in Ukraine's east, on the Black Sea. What happened there is a violent modification of Europe's post-World War II borders and is difficult for the European Union, particularly its former Warsaw Pact members, to accept as a done deal. Continuing EU sanctions against Russia still turn in part on the Crimea question.

The third problem is the dire straits that Ukraine finds itself in as a result of the political and other turmoil there since a popular uprising in Kiev ousted elected President Viktor F. Yanukovych in February. The departing president and his cohorts had looted the country's treasury of an estimated $70 billion. Russia has taken the position, based on anger at the sanctions levied against it by the United States and the EU, that it will provide the natural gas that Ukraine needs this winter only with advance payment.

Ukraine's two key leaders, Petro O. Poroshenko and Arseniy P. Yatsenyuk, who will likely form the coalition that will now rule Ukraine, are probably more honest than Mr. Yanukovych was but are not especially inspiring in their capacity to deal with Ukraine's problems. It's a positive sign, though, that they received a fairly clear mandate in the part of Ukraine where their governance is accepted.

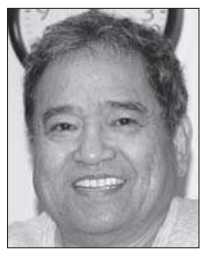
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Hallowed E'en

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We've covered this territory before but just one more time, the word "Halloween" comes from the Scottish word for "hallowed evening" of the English, and the Scots, considered the poor cousins, were excused their street-smart version of the royal lingo for "humor and ridicule to confront the power of death."

Today's scare that Halloween easily triggers include the much discussed and much denied climate change; the reason for clamping on Iran and the DPRK on the specter of nuclear winter; and, of course, the quick demise of the Islamic State lest it gobbles up the globe, as Aussie PM Tony Abbot likes to scare Oz and U.S. tots.

Let's take the posturing of Uncle Sam of the widely printed poster. The funny, white-hatted old man, whose most offensive picture shows him pointing a finger at recruits for its selective service system with words boldly printed, "I Want You," turns out to have some scary scenarios in his subterranean subways.

In the Philippines of my youth, to serve in the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force in Guam, Okinawa, and Hawaii was universally desired, never mind that salts could not rise above the rank of corporal. They were taken into the service to replace African-Americans formerly stereotyped into the mess hall. One returned from the Korean War to a hero's welcome after joining other countries under the UN banner and U.S. command "in defense of freedom," never mind that Koreans stewed over U.S.' preferential treatment of Japan's warmongers over their interests. At least the military culture was a benign uncle that took care of veterans and provided scholarships for offspring.

Uncle Sam is hardly a scary picture, though acts perpetuated in his name do not measure up to the warmth of the appellation. First in my recollection was the Rescission Act of 1946, a law the United States passed to retroactively annul benefits that would have been payable to Filipino troops on account of their U.S. military service in WWII. The reason widely given was that the U.S. gave $200 million to the Philippines after the war. Of the 66 U.S. allies in WWII, only Filipino veterans were denied military benefits.

Not that it made any difference to my family. My father was a pastor whose mimeo machine and his literary skills were used for propaganda purposes. Listed with the veterans after the war, he never applied for benefits. American-led guerillas publicly quartered his brother for being a public school teacher who translated for the Japanese.

A church-going "enemy" lieutenant informed my Dad that his name was on the list and he should leave town "yesterday." I was already on deposit but I waited to come out full term instead of panicking out as an encumbrance while on the run!

England and Japan divided the Pacific after WWI, with Japan holding all real estate north of the equator, and England the south, except for U.S. occupied Guam and American Samoa. After WWII, the UK organized the Commonwealth of Nations and receded from its empire. The United States took over Japan's holdings and started America's empire.

U.S.' Joseph Stillwell advised Chiang Kai-shek against Japan. The Seventh Fleet guarded the Taiwan Strait after Chiang carted the Imperial Palace's treasures. Taipei became a manufacturing center for America and a captive consumer of U.S. jets and armaments.

USFJ still substantially occupies Okinawa. Senkaku would be Diaoyu had it stayed with Taiwan rather than be an appendage to the Ryukyus where it does not belong. The USFJ kept the likes of Shinzo Abe at bay until Obama decided to officially arm Nippon warriors in defense of sovereign territories and interests (*aka* China Sea).

That did not make Seoul happy but being the unofficial 51st State of the Union, totally dependent on the USF Korea, it demonizes godless DPRK instead, especially now that almost a third of SoKor marches to the tune of *Onward, Christian Soldiers*!

Former Oz PM Kevin Rudd recently revealed that he was asked while still on his watch Down Under to join India, Japan, and the U.S. to contain the growing threat of China. The U.S. sails or flies close to the 10th mile security zone of its longtime enemy but China is now among "frenemies" and Pentagon boys are at a loss on how to stir up trouble without getting telltale fingerprints left at the border.

ISIS costumes, particularly with the head wrap, and conceivably, a throat-slashing cardboard knife, will definitely be a scare this Halloween. Gross acts committed in that attire definitely fit the evening. After all, it is hard to simulate the "scare" in pushing a button to unleash a drone on a village, or eject a bomb from a jet to wipe out a whole building, never mind civilian consequences. One does not have the specter of staring at one's shaking hands after slashing someone's throat! In fact, after a bombing run, a flyer goes home to dinner with the wife/husband/friend and the children. *No hay problema.*

Acute stress reaction (PTSD) ghoulishly kicks in later, a real Halloween!

Cognitive chips and candy bars

By ED STEPHENS
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Halloween offers a combination of the fanciful with the traditional. Today I'm going to keep the fanciful angle but I'm going to shove aside the traditional in favor of the futuristic.

This will involve looking at a gray area between the living and the non-living. No, I'm not talking about ghostly notions from a haunted house, where spirits inhabit a shadowy gap between this world and the next. I'm talking about computers. Computers may actually become capable of thinking someday, at which point they'll have their own esoteric gap to inhabit.

IBM recently unveiled what they're calling a "cognitive" chip, which they dub the "SyNAPSE" chip. Parallels to the human brain are not coincidental here, but are explicit and emphasized. The chip has 5.4 billion transistors and it's a step toward "holistic computing intelligence" in the field of "nerosynaptic" chips.

In the computer field, it doesn't get more authoritative than IBM. So it's possible that the age of the electronic brain might indeed be upon us.

If that day comes, hopefully the technology will let scientists aim the cyber-brainpower at important tasks, such as curing cancer and other ailments.

But I have no idea how scientists do such things, so all I can do is contemplate the more immediate realm of human interaction and how we might regard the gig.

Since, heretofore, anything that thinks is considered alive, will a thinking computer be regarded as a life form? Until the real arguments come along, it will make a dandy topic for a term paper.

All sorts of fancy words will swirl around such discussions: Sentience, calculation, awareness, consciousness, and so on.

In just the span of a few decades, we've seen computers (as business machines) go from office calculators to (as smartphones) personal companions.

For example, when I had a restaurant lunch last week I noticed that of the nine patrons, eight had smartphones for their dining companions. If you had told me, back in my corporate power-lunch days, that people would be lunching with computers instead of with other people, I would have told you to cut back on your noontime martinis.

But as deep as they've bored into the modern psyche, smartphones are still in their Pac-Man days compared to what we can probably expect from tomorrow's thinking computers. Outside of smartphones, I'll bet that all sorts of new things will come along, computer-driven things that will seem obvious once people start using them, but which we can't envision now.

But it's easy to envision computers that eventually program themselves, at least within certain parameters, and in doing so, develop their own particular personalities. These personalities will be a result of their adaptation to the unique series of circumstances that they encounter.

If one such device was, say, the sole companion for an infirm person, and that person interacted with, communicated with, and related to the device's distinct personality, then you might be able to offer a few arguments that the device is "alive" in some sense of the word. You could argue the point based on the objective qualities of the device, but also based on the subjective view of the human who derives companionship from its interaction.

Still holding that thought, have you ever walked down the halls of a retirement home, hearing a succession of blaring TVs as you pass each room? That's mighty old technology.

In such settings, which will be increasingly common in graying societies, it's not farfetched to imagine devices that can converse to some extent; place audio or video calls to relatives; read aloud news, weather, magazines, and books; show movies or TV shows; play checkers; play poker; play music; monitor basic health parameters; dispense medications; maintain a listening watch for such words as "help!" and summon human attendants when necessary.

With the possible exception of holding conversations, all the other duties I elaborated already seem within the realm of today's technology.

It's easy to get enthusiastic about futuristic notions. But there have been false starts. In the 1970s I learned, as a student, the rudiments of several programming languages. I remember that Artificial Intelligence was all the rage back then. Some very knowledgeable people thought that within a few years computers would upend the world with impressive displays of intelligence. Those few years have stretched into a few decades, and we're still waiting, so those early AI days look a bit innocent in retrospect.

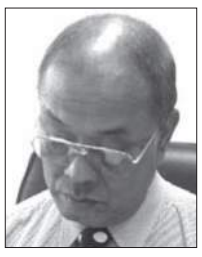
Still, a trend is a trend, and this one appears to be accelerating. I, for one, won't be surprised if computers can think someday, but I don't know if this will constitute being alive. Fortunately, I don't have to solve such riddles. I'm just a spectator.

In the meantime, I'll do what I do best: I'll keep eating my Halloween Snickers bars ever year. This will keep me occupied until the issue, once it becomes an issue, is solved the true American way: with litigation. And then perhaps we'll see the recognition of a new type of life form, one based on the consciousness of thinking computers.

At the Gate of Change

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We're outside the fence walking single file toward the "Gate of Change." We've made up our minds since two weeks ago who to vote for in a four-way gubernatorial race.

It's all a matter of delivering the confirmation with finality this Tuesday, Nov. 4. It would have to be someone other than political dinosaurs of "Do-Nothings" and those who trashed "we the people." We must recapture what's ours, powerfully demonstrating the strength of governance who understands its rights. It's the only chance we have this year!

I could see faces of despair still cringing, struggling to weather the most vicious economic disaster in recent past. It feels good, though, to see the humble sense of hope in the guarded smiles of our people awaiting tidings at the break of dawn next Wednesday declaring, "Let's rebuild the bridge of hope in paradise!" We owe it to our children!

I'm not discounting "evil money" spreading all over the islands with the accompanying last ditch twin of political corruption the shallows of which have fallen on pro-casino public officials. There's no denying the shivering enthusiasm among this cabal. It's an issue the feds ought to probe from A to Z! But it's good to hear the tired folks saying "bring it on" but "you're not getting our votes."

Indeed, I have also painstakingly watched the local economy taking a nosedive, specifically the dire effects it has had and continues to have against households throughout the NMI. The hardship imposed upon the multitude seems inconsequential to leadership. It's business as usual in woefully unusual times. Mind-boggling the gall seeking to retain power at all cost. Call it greed!

The issue critically comes down to "My Pay Day" where about 80 percent of your paycheck is gone before you're handed your check stub. You ask: Where have all my dollars gone? It's gone to graveyards everywhere: CUC for high power bills, health insurance, health deductibles, 24 percent increase in basic goods, real estate or home loan, home loan insurance, among others. And no matter how you juggle it, the derivative is the same time and again—80 percent is gone!

As a retiree I know that Gov. Inos' pitch in the return of the 25 percent was a political facade that failed. Sorry, sir, you only returned our money you cut illegally! Aren't we now back to 75 percent per the settlement agreement you sought and settled in court? What about the failed recovery of the 25 percent for this fiscal year?

Furthermore, did your running mate Raphael G. Torres help retirees or anybody else in his seven years in the Legislature? Please, sir, name one that factually helped the ordinary people in the villages. Comparing his youth to JFK or Bubba Clinton? Kidding, right? Are you anywhere near the superb quality of the two people who hailed from powerful families and are products of Ivy League schools? Please, pitch something else that isn't fodder for comedy.

Stormy Wednesday morning

This the week the political storm picks up as the earthworms begin turning to change the landscape here for the next four years come Wednesday morning, Nov. 5. It would be one huge sigh of relief for the multitude who has long waited for the opportunity to recapture what's theirs.

The victor would emerge from the grassroots while the losers would take the unattended bench somewhere in the back of a warehouse. It's one final sail into the sunset as political ghosts. They could even trot to the front to reprise *Beyond the Reef,* the theme song of other relegated ghosts of the past. It is here where you lay down your infantile dreams as you don the crown of disposition hailing from "we the people."

Some of the losers have prepared their excuses in advance. It includes "the election was too crowded" with one too many candidates. Nah! Your message, whatever it may have been, was never clearly communicated. Therefore, it just never resonated, especially with young voters who demanded complete biographical information. There's nothing wrong ascertaining academic and professional competency. It's the right thing to do!

Political punditry

In the deep and quiet valley of silence, I could hear the persistent ghostly query: Who will be the next titular head of the NMI?

I know I've met this person and he'd trailblaze by this valley Wednesday morning. He will garner the most votes derailing any hope by his opponents for a run-off.

He would have to quickly assemble a team of brilliant leaders for his administration, good executives for middle management, and highly civic-conscious broad mass at the base. The apex reviews the overall status of the NMI. The information he receives gives him the opportunity to reset the buttons of his plans as he begins running toward the goal post on matters of state. He'll have a serious mandate on his shoulders.

What's the biggest setback he faces? Definitely it's the bankruptcy of the NMI and its obvious inability to meet its obligations given the significant decline in revenue generation. This huge gap would definitely require major infusion of funds in what's known as anchor investments. It calls for real decisions.

Moving down this pathway with a set of vision, leadership, and the mechanism to proceed, then and only then could we gradually restore confidence in the future of these isles.

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Funnies: There's humor too in the fading political slugfest. My favorite is the "Dancing Democrats" slamming their fist into the air hoping to catch votes on the way down. Then you have Republicans cringing "Ai, Ai, Ai!" as Inos gasps for air in his radio address.

The GOP came out the next day claiming there were 6,000 supporters, ignoring it only had 1,200 lunch plates. Heinz and J. Babauta did their stuff in stealth fashion. The former had the most village level supporters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear fellow voters of the CNMI

As I write this letter, we are counting four days and some hours to cast our votes. As I close my eyes at night, I can hear my heart beat and I wonder why. After so many prayers and meditations, I finally realized that the future of the CNMI lies in the hands of the voters. The future of my children lies in the hands of almost 18,000 people.

My dear brothers and sisters of this beautiful Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, open your eyes and ears. Look at all these people talking about the governor's health or Sen. Torres' age. They have no vision for the future of the CNMI nor do they care enough to tell us what they would do differently if elected. The reason is simple—our Commonwealth is doing well and we have Gov. Inos, Sen. Ralph Torres, and Speaker Guerrero to thank for this.

I am only a high school graduate. I did not go to college but, like Einstein, I have common sense. So let me share my opinion. The Honorable Eloy S. Inos has held up his head and stood high for all of us. His strengths are his humility and intelligence. Unlike the others, I have never heard him blame anyone for the problems we face today. What he did was recognize the problems and try to find solutions to the problems.

We, the people of the CNMI, are just so fortunate that our governor has chosen another strong-minded individual to be on his side, left or right! Sen. Ralph DLG. Torres is the best person to work hand in hand with our governor, to improve upon the solutions they have already enacted and continue to work together with the people to make our islands stronger.

They have steered our boat and it did not sink. Although the boat was punctured with holes, they found the ways and means to stop the leak and patch those holes. Yesterday, I sailed with them and we sailed through the rough seas and they never allowed the boat to sink. This Tuesday, I am scheduling my next voyage with them for four years. For our future, the future of our children and the future of the CNMI, hop on the ship of Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Sen. Ralph DLG. Torres. It rocks but it will never sink.

On Nov. 4, 2014, for you, our children and our CNMI, please elect Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Sen. Ralph DLG. Torres. Be a part of it!

Leslie Ada
via email

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲86° ▼75°

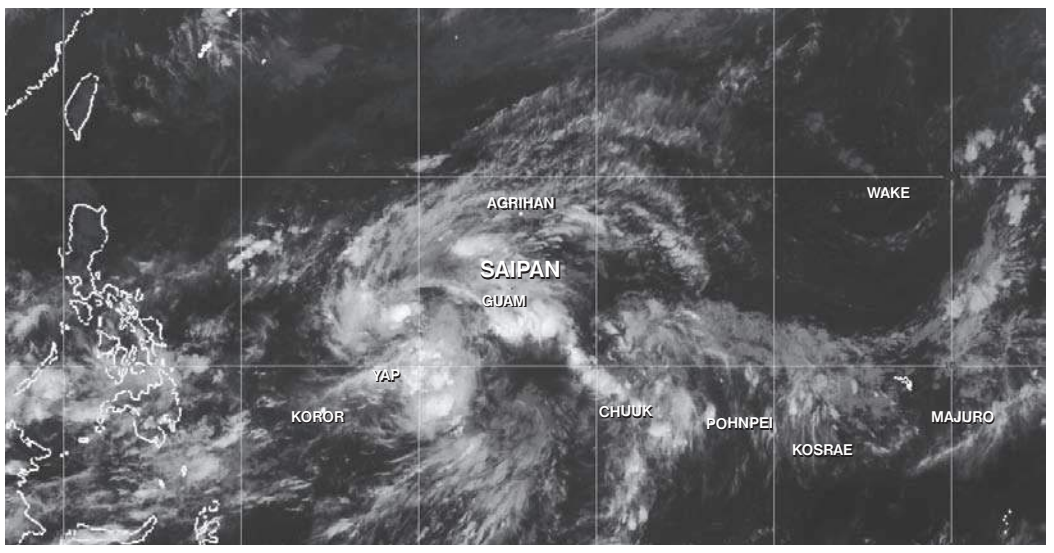
SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲86° ▼75°

SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼77°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A developing circulation now the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation alert by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center is centered west of Guam near 13N140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near the center and to the southeast just east of Yap within 170 miles of a line from 15N136E to 8N142E and farther east across the Marianas between 11N and 18N from 141E to 149E. For more information on this system, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW. A monsoon trough stretches northeastward from 8N130E to the circulation centered west of Guam at 13N140E then turns southeastward to pass through a circulation centered northwest of Pohnpei at 8N156E to end near 10N162E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present southeast of Yap between 1N and 7N from 139E to 147E farther east. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Chuuk state within 200 miles of a line from EQ151E to 9N152E and north of Pohnpei and Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 12N151E to 8N165E. A weak circulation is centered just north of Majuro at 8N171E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located north of Majuro within 70 miles of a line from 7N171E to 10N174E. An upper-level low centered at 21N171E and a surface trough running southwestward from 25N176E to 16N168E are combining to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Wake Island between 25N and 16N from 171E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲66	▼57
Beijing	Showers	▲58	▼47
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼58
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼75
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼57
Miami	Sunny	▲83	▼69
New York	Sunny	▲59	▼45
Osaka	Showers	▲70	▼62
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼52
Pusan	Rain	▲65	▼58
Rome	Sunny	▲70	▼47
Salem	Showers	▲63	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼52
Tokyo	Showers	▲69	▼59
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼45

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:59 AM	Today	High Tide:	0.0 Feet
3:17 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:18 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13 AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:29 AM	
Thursday	1:19 PM	12:26 AM
Friday	2:08 PM	1:24 AM
Saturday	2:55 PM	2:22 AM
Sunday	3:42 PM	3:20 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
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UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:40pm	7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via GUM
PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:35pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5043	11:30pm	10:20pm+1	5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:35pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:20pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

TOHA SUPERMARKET

NOVEMBER SPECIAL

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 09, 2014

7:00AM-11:00 PM (MON-SUN)

MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
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Calrose Rice $30.49 50lbs



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Chicken Leg Quarter $17.99 22 lbs | $25.99 33 lbs



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Babyribs $21.99 10lbs



Ichiban $12.99 24pcs/1 case



Max Butane Gas $22.99 CASE



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Country Lime Lemonade, Tang Orange, Kool-Aid $8.99



Coffee Mate $7.99 50 OZ.



Folgers Coffee $11.99 33.3 OZ.



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Best Buy Bacon $3.49 16 OZ.



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Dragon Vegetable Oil $9.49 1GAL.



Kikkoman Soy Sauce $4.59 1.6 L.



Sam Da Soo Water $6.99 350ML.



FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN | FROZEN

Tilapia $1.19 per lb.



Milk Fish $1.89 per lb.



Bar S Jumbo Franks $1.29



Gusto Cooked Ham $21.99 10 lbs



Ground Beef $15.49 5LBS.



Chamorro Sausage $4.99



Vega Shrimp $6.99



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Onion 69¢ per lb.



Potato 99¢ per lb.



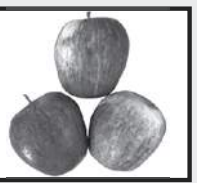
Garlic $1.25 per bag



U.S. X-Large Eggs $2.49 Dozen



Celo Apple $1.69 LB.



Orange $1.29 LB.



Honeydew/ Cantaloupe $1.29 per lb.



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Chicken Nuggets	$11.99	Pork Butt Steak	$9.99
Chicken Wings	$12.99	Beef Ribeye	$15.99
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Gain Liquid $5.99 50 oz | $9.99 100 oz

Gain Powder $15.99 102 Loads | $18.99 120 Loads

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Bounty Paper Towel $20.99 15 Rolls

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Marianas Medical Center, one of the CNMI's top family practice clinics, announced yesterday the appointment of Polly DLG Masga as general manager. Masga will be overseeing all day-to-day operations of the clinic. Her background in human resources and strong management skills will allow her to bring tremendous knowledge and leadership to the clinic.



Masga

Masga was previously the human resources manager for Pacific Islands Club, where she oversaw more than 300 employees on various aspects of HR. "One of my strengths is helping employees become the best they can be, by providing them with a work environment that is fun, safe and educated," Masga said.

Dr. Tony Stearns, Medical Director of MMC, stated, "Anytime we can bring in a talent like Polly to our team it is of great benefit. Her skill set really complements what we feel is important."

Marianas Medical Center was founded by Stearns in 1998. It provides a full range of medical services for the entire family, including preventive healthcare, acute and chronic care for both adults and children, prenatal and women's healthcare, food handler exams, green card exams and more. MMC's friendly, professionally certified staff has multiple language skills, including Chamorro, English, Tagalog, Chinese, and Korean.

Masga, talking about her new opportunity said, "I am so excited to be part of the Marianas Medical Center team. I've worked with them over the years and have been impressed with the professionalism and responsiveness of the staff."

While Masga's main experience has been in Human Resources, she states, "I have a lot to learn in this exciting field, and the fact that we are all about helping others. To me, that is the most rewarding part of this job." ***(MMC)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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Happy first birthday to Kayne Leonidas Sambile Borja! May God bless you with lots of love and happiness today and forever. We love you very much. Greetings come from the family.



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Happy spooktacular birthday to my sister, Chasmina Banbina! Best wishes and much love! God bless and many more years to come!





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Rep. Roman Benavente donates two picnic tables for Dandan Middle School students to use during lunch time.

Dandan Middle School gets full support for projects

Dandan Middle School, formerly known as Dandan Elementary School, has been receiving a great amount of generous donations during the first two months of this school year.

Interim principal Lynn Mendiola is grateful to the government leaders and this school year's newly elected PTSA officers that have answered her request for assistance to help transition Dandan Elementary School into a middle school.

The assistance the school needed were:

■ More benches and tables for students to use during lunch time because the cafeteria is too small and cannot hold all 363 students at one time. Students are given packed lunches and are given the option to eat outside of the cafeteria.

■ Tents for students to use during lunch time.

■ Shatter-proof mirrors for all the student restrooms.

■ Toilet tissue for student use.

■ Educational Tax Credit to purchase paint and other materials needed to renovate.

■ A bus shelter for bus riders. Dandan Elementary did not have students riding the bus, but after this transition to a middle school, DMS has bus riders from San Vicente, Lower Dandan, Fina Sisu and some in As Lito.

Leaders who have answered to the schools needs were:

■ Rep. Janet Maratita, who donated six picnic tables for students to use during break and lunch time. She also donated two boxes of toilet tissue.

■ Rep. Edmund Villagomez, who donated materials for 10 benches, one 20 x 20 tent, and one 20 x 40 tent that will be used by students during break time, lunch time, and special school events.

■ Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero, who donated materials for five benches.

■ Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb, who donated two boxes of toilet tissue.

■ Reps. Mariano Taitano, Joseph Deleon Guerrero and Anthony P. Sablan, who donated shatterproof mirrors for all bathrooms. The three representatives shared the cost for the Kautz Glass project.

Rep. Antonio R. Agulto, who donated metal poles for the two 20 x 20 tents for students to use during break time, lunch time, and special events.

Kilili's contribution

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan sponsored a raffle event, which was held on Oct. 25, 2014, for Dandan Middle School's bus shelter project. Sablan provided all the 40-plus prizes that were raffled. The prizes included split-type air conditioners, artwork, $100 gift certificates, $100 cash prizes, etc.

Toward the last hour of Sablan's Luncheon Fundraiser, the DMS Student Council president announced that the school has raised $1,700 out of the $4,200 needed to proceed with the bus shelter project. The school was still short about $2,500.

At this announcement, Mega Stars chair Chan Chun Wei of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino approached Sablan and expressed that he would like to help DMS by covering the difference of what was needed for the bus shelter project. The news was shared with PTSA president Bobbie Sablan and DMS principal Mendiola, who announced the good news to everyone in the luncheon with much gratitude and happiness.

The check in the amount of $2,500 was delivered to the

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Rep. Edmund Villagomez donates materials to for 10 benches for students to utilize during the school day.

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school but chairman Chen was unable to deliver it himself because he was on a business trip in Hong Kong.

The bus shelter project is now in the beginning stages and DMS is hoping to have it built before December this year.

Parents and other organizations that provided assistance to DMS are:

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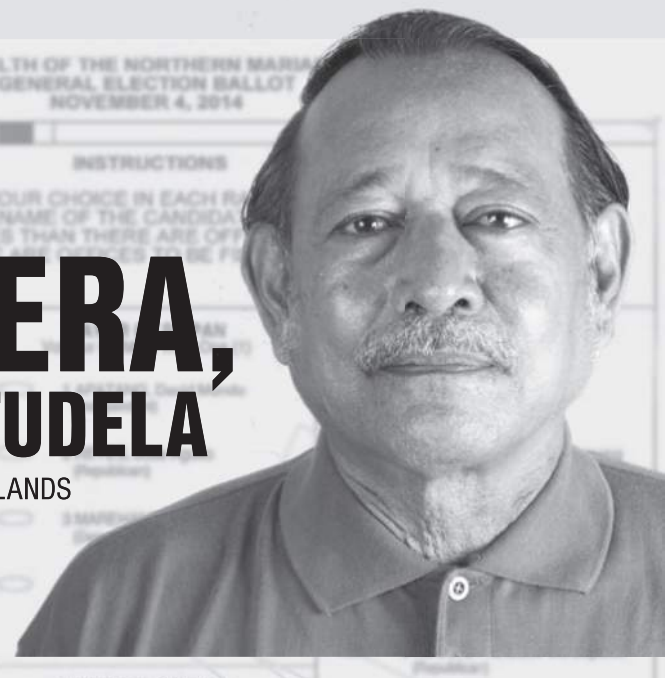
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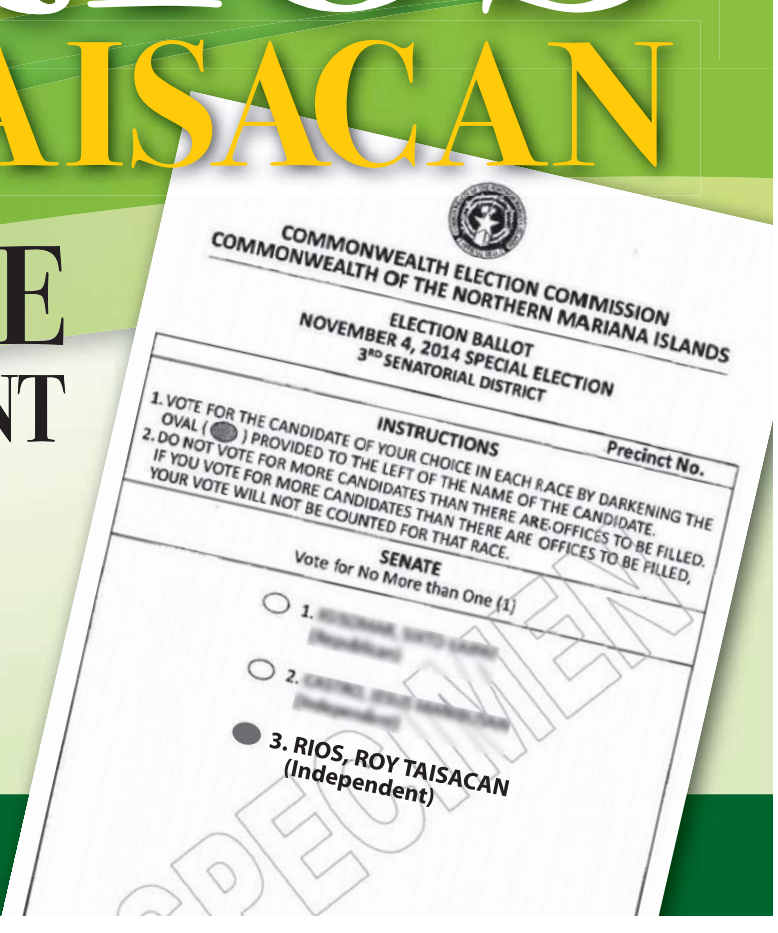
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■ DMS PTA officers donated a box of Fluorescent Light Bulbs, 3 Fan Belts for the Riding Mower, Tent Tarp and Fixtures for two 20 x 20 tents, and serviced and repaired the school water blaster gun

■ Educational Tax Credit donations were provided by Marianas Global, Make Over Salon, Commercial Trading of Saipan, and the Law Office of William M. Fitzgerald.

All of the generous donations to DMS have tremendous significance in school improvement and provide a safe learning environment for its students.

"I am a strong believer of a community working together to invest in the future of our children," said PTSA officer Barbara Torres Sablan. "Thank you to all the leaders who answered our requests and to all the businesses that donated educational tax credit. Every single penny will be spent to benefit DMS students."

DMS is still seeking Educational Tax Credit donations to help build a *pala-pala* for students to use during heavy rain. This *pala-pala* is estimated to cost about $15,000. In addition to that, our riding mower is slowly deteriorating, and we may need to purchase a new one before it gives up on us.

Again, thank you to all the generous leaders for their utmost support for helping Dandan Middle School better day by day! This is a classic example of Students First!

Dandan Middle School, also known as the Home of the Tottots, has a student population of 363, 28 teachers and staff, and serves students from the villages of Fina Sisu, As Lito, Dandan, and San Vicente. ***(DMS)***



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Janet Maratita donates six picnic tables to Dandan Middle School.

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Hofschneider hopes Alter City lease gets legislative approval

By MARK RABAGO
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Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider hopes the joint session of the House and Representatives and Senate this afternoon will approve the proposed land lease deal between Alter City Group and the Department of Public Lands.

"It's one of the main topics of discussion [on Tinian] over the last couple of months. It's good for the economy and it's good for the CNMI and we have confidence in their ability, in this case the developers, that they're going to work very hard with the CNMI government to realize their land investment on Tinian," Hofschneider said in an interview following the graduation of seven Customs officers Wednesday at the Office of the Governor.

He said he is confident that the CNMI government and the Tinian Municipality will work together in relocating the open landfill at Puntan Diablo, which is situated right smack in the middle of the proposed $360-million casino resort's planned 18-hole golf course.

"Historically speaking, that landfill or dump issue has been in the discussion for several years now. The money is still there and annual appropriation will continue to flow into that pot until the new U.S. [Environmental Protection Agency]-certified landfill is finished."

He added that the issue of the transfer station and anything else associated with the closure of the dumpsite and the opening of the new EPA-approved one is ongoing.

Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said it's about time the House and Senate finally take a vote on the land lease deal.

"The committees submitted it [standing committee reports] and we're ready for the joint session and go through it and take a vote," he said.

The land lease agreement between Macau-based Alter City and Public Lands requires two-thirds affirmative votes from the joint session of the House and Senate.

Despite not being part of the administration, Benavente said he's still voting yes on the land lease agreement.

"It's something good for the people of Tinian and this development is worthwhile for the community as it will improve the economy of the island."

He said he just wants a guarantee from the Municipality of Tinian and Alter City that they will work hand in hand in relocating the contentious dumpsite.

"That has to be done in three years' time. The lease agreement gives the leasee three years' time to complete the permitting process so after three years the investor can move in, so the dumpsite should be relocated by then."

Alter City plans to build its casino resort at Puntan Diablo, also known as Nasarino, on Tinian.

It is the same area that was previously leased by Marianas Resort Development Corp., or MRDC, before the latter abandoned the lease. MRDC had planned to build a $300-million Matua Bay Casino Resort on the property, including an 18-hole golf course.

The three-phased project includes the construction of 1,000 hotel rooms, water parks, an 18-hole golf course, villas, casino facilities and related tourism amenities, to be completed within 12 years.

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Consumer Success Story: Gloyd Martin

I have cognitive impairment which delays my thought process and speech thus affecting my communication. I attended high school up to the 10th grade. With my disability and without a high school diploma, it was not easy for me to keep a job, which I worked at the Hyatt for only a short time. As a result of this experience, and with the assistance of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), I applied for services at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in 2010 and 2011. It was in 2011 when I was determined eligible for vocational rehabilitation services. I received individualized services to prepare me for work, and that included work experience training and on-the-job training.

My work experience training through OVR helped me to acquire and understand the importance of work ethics, such as coming to work on time, getting along well with my co-workers, receiving instructions from my supervisor, performing my tasks well, etc. Part of my successful work experience training at the Department of Public Works (DPW) is due to the simple accommodations that OVR provided me with, such as a planner. I used that planner to write down my daily tasks, which I continue to do with my current position, as it helped me to remember what work needed to be done. After the completion of my work experience training, my OVR counselor transitioned me to on-the-job training with the same employer/trainer, DPW, for a six-month period. Throughout this additional training period, OVR had also provided me with transportation service to ensure my active participation in my rehabilitation program. My hard work during my work experience training and on-the-job training resulted in my being officially hired by DPW on December 3, 2013 as a Supply Technician I.

I owe a lot of people my sincere appreciation for helping me to successfully prepare for employment, most especially DPW and my supervisor for believing in the abilities of people with disabilities and helping to promote their employment in our community; my OVR counselor, Ms. Jane Tudela, for making my services possible; and my family and friends for their continued support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Consumer Success Story: Aleeen Mendiola

Hi! My name is Aleen Mendiola.
I was diagnosed with Specific Learning Disability (SLD) and did not believe I was able to do things on my own.

After graduating from Dr. Rita H. Inos High School in Rota in 2012, I went one year without a job. It finally dawned on me that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) could help prepare me for work, so I decided to seek their assistance. OVR helped me to obtain Work Experience Training (WET) at Koblerville Elementary School for a three (3) month period.

My training experience gave me hope for a bright and productive future. I learned a lot about myself with the help and experiences given to me. I became determined and believed in myself enough that after I completed my WET, I applied for a job and got it! Now I am a security guard with G4S stationed at Pacific Islands Club.

OVR believed in me and my potential to succeed in the workplace. My employer, G4S, cared about my ability to perform the essential functions of my job with or without accommodations. And, more importantly, I believed in myself and the things I am capable of achieving because I put my mind to it.

Thanks to OVR and G4S for being a part of my success!

Consumer Success Story: Jademark Avila

Hi! My name is Jademark Avila. I am a person with a Specific Learning Disability. I would like to thank the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for services provided that led to my employment outcome. I started with 3 months of Work Experience Training and gained the basic work skills and then 6 months of On the Job Training gained skills towards my Vocational goal as a passenger attendant with Saipan Sea Ventures Inc. I was hired with the same company and now work as a part time passenger attendant. Thank you again OVR and Saipan Sea Ventures.



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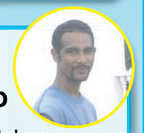
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Consumer Success Story: PearlyAnn Kapileo Cangco

My name is PearlyAnn Kapileo Cangco. I have Spastic Diplegia Cerebral Palsy which weakens my mobility. In 2007, I graduated as a junior at Kagman High School. After graduating I wanted to work and take classes at the same time. Instead, I concentrated on my schooling first. I enrolled myself at the Northern Mariana College (NMC) and attended 5 semesters. After my 5th semester I decided I was ready to work. My aunt recommended I seek help from OVR. In 2009, I applied at the OVR and started receiving services. In June 2010, I did 3 months of training at Division of Environmental Quality as a Lab Trainee. In 2013, I started my 6 months training at Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. While I was still training the General Manager wanted to hire me, but I informed her that I wanted to complete my training with OVR. I have now been working at Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. as an Office Clerk for a year. I handle personnel, accounting and lately I've been assisting with payroll. The General Manager calls me the "Jack of all trades" because although I'm only an office clerk, I'm all around the place doing different work. This fits well with my motto while growing up; "I MAY BE DISABLED BUT I'M SUPERABLE".

Consumer Success Story: Kasper Raymond



Hi! My name is Kasper Raymond. I am a person with a Specific Learning Disability. I sought assistance with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to obtain employment. I was provided with Work Experience Training to gain the basic work skills. With Counseling & Guidance from my VR Counselor, I was able to obtain full time employment as a Gardener at the Marianas Resort Hotel. Thank you OVR, Marianas Resort and the people that supported me.



Consumer Success Story: Barbara P. Cabrera

Since I was twenty-two years old, I have had to deal with a disability, specifically, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), an autoimmune disorder that causes my body's immune system to become hyperactive resulting in attacks to normal and healthy tissues. SLE is a chronic disease that causes inflammation in various parts of the body such as the heart, lungs, or kidney, and can possibly affect the brain, too. The symptoms of SLE, for those of you who are unfamiliar, include joint and muscle pains, swelling, skin rashes, fatigue, weight loss, loss of appetite, hair loss, and mild fever.

For the most part, I volunteered and invested a great deal of my time in the family business. Although I enjoyed doing this, I aspired for something more. Realizing that I would need assistance to reach my employment goals, I applied for services at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR). After meeting the eligibility criteria, OVR provided me with assistance by way of orthopedic consultation and evaluation, vocational counseling & guidance, and reasonable job accommodations.

These days, you can find me gainfully employed at OVR where I have worked as Case Worker Assistant under our Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) Program since October of 2013. This is my first government job, and I am very grateful to OVR for providing me with individualized services as well as helping me to realize and maximize my full potential.

I encourage anyone with a disability who experiences substantial impediments to employment and wishes to be competitively employed in an integrated setting to reach out to OVR for assistance. They have made a positive difference in my life, and they can help you, too.

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Beta Lamda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inductees for spring are, top row, from left: Ervin Cruz, Verna Deleon Guerrero, Zahra Frazier, and Jaelyn Maldangesang. Bottom row, from left: Jimin Cheon, Francis Fidelino, Patsylynn Mendiola, and Hyemin Lee.

NMC Int'l Honor Society inducts 11 new members

Beta Lambda Psi, the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Northern Marianas College, welcomed 11 new members to its ranks. Four new members were inducted during its spring ceremony on April 5, 2014, while eight new members joined during the fall induction ceremony on Oct. 25, 2014, in the Latte Function Room of Kanoa Resort.

Hedwig Hofschneider, NMC's College Access Challenge Grant Outreach Counselor, delivered the keynote speech for the spring ceremony. He spoke to the inductees about college completion and advised them to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to everyone to go to, and graduate from, college. The CNMI is now a member of the Complete College America Alliance of States, a national nonprofit organization that works with states to significantly increase the number of Americans with quality career certificates or college degrees.

The keynote speaker for the fall induction, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, spoke to the new inductees about the four watershed moments in the CNMI history that had far-reaching effects: choosing to become Americans by approving the Covenant, the formation of a constitutional government, the decision to liberalize local immigration law, and the decision to allow casino development.

The main focus of his message was the importance of leadership. Sablan encouraged the inductees to take the lead as future leaders since they would be very involved in working through whatever problems and possibilities come from this new development. The inductees were told to set the example and encourage others. He concluded by expressing his confidence in their ability to be future leaders because of the strong academic record they have already achieved.

In order to qualify for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, students must distinguish themselves by maintaining a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, in addition to serving and contributing to the Commonwealth through various community service and leadership activities.

The newest full members include Jimin Cheon, Francis Fidelino, Patsylynn Mendiola, Hyemin Lee, Verna Deleon Guerrero, Escoanne Hocog, Maisie Lynn Mesngon, Alexander Nario, Junhyun Park, Tracy Pelep, and Wei Wei. Also welcomed into the chapter as new provisional members for spring 2014 are Ervin Cruz, Zahra Frazier, and Jaelyn Maldangesang; and for fall 2014, Angelray Guerrero.

Officers for the academic year 2014-2015 are president Nicole Sablan, vice president Francis Fidelino, and treasurer Hyemin Lee. New officers were officially installed: recording secretary Roy Alegre, membership secretary Junhyun Park, and public relations officer Alexander Nario. The formal induction ceremony was followed by a buffet dinner.

An international organization, Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence, leadership, and service in two-year colleges since 1918. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in the 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada, and Germany.

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold: (1) to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students; and (2) to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

For additional information about the NMC chapter, its memberships, or activities, contact chapter president Nicole Sablan, or adviser Leo Pangelinan. ***(NMC)***

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A University of Hawaii project to promote and expand breadfruit use in the Pacific has won a top award from the University Economic Development Association. Recently the Pacific Regional Breadfruit Initiative, a project of UH's Pacific Business Center Program, won UEDA's award for Research and Analysis in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Receiving the UEDA Award of Excellence was PBCP senior business development manager C. L. Cheshire, and director Failautusi Avegalio.

Avegalio attributes the Pacific Regional Breadfruit Initiative's success to the groundbreaking research and analysis led by the National Tropical Botanical Garden Breadfruit Institute and its director, Professor Diane Ragone. That research affirmed the many uses of the breadfruit tree and fruit or *'ulu* in Hawaiian. According to Avegalio, breadfruit is gluten-free and the U.S. market demand for gluten-free products is projected to hit $15.5 billion in 2016. Major by-products of breadfruit include the breadfruit sap that is 100 percent organic latex, and the breadfruit flower, which contains several powerful chemical compounds more potent than those used in the leading synthetic insect repellent on the market. The tree's wood is resistant to marine worms and termites. The breadfruit tree also has a high salinity tolerance, enabling it to survive inundation from rising tides where traditional food crops such as taro, banana, tapioca, and yams cannot.

Avegalio said, "There is no better combination for natural food security in the world than breadfruit, together with the coconut tree for water."

The Pacific Regional Breadfruit Initiative team includes the NTBG Breadfruit Institute, the University of Hawaii at Mānoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and Shidler College of Business; Kansas State University College of Agriculture; University of British Columbia, Okanaga, Fipke Centre for Innovative Research; Scientific Research Organization of Samoa; Robinson Fresh/C.H. Robinson, California; Natural Foods International, Samoa; Intertribal Council On Utility Policy in Rosebud, South Dakota; Olohana Foundation, Hawaii; Agroforestry Net, Inc. Hawaii; and the American Samoa Department of Commerce.

"We've assembled a world-class team of experts," said Avegalio, "From that core group, we've developed an amazing and enthusiastic network of collaborators."

The network spans millions of square miles from Washington D.C. to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas in the Northwest Pacific, to the Federated States of Micronesia, in the Central Pacific, and to the Samoas and Fiji Islands in the South Pacific. Collaborators include U.S. and Pacific land-grant community colleges, regional universities, research institutions, health and nutrition organizations, medical technology, non-profit, community, faith based, native Hawaiian and indigenous organizations, and local and federal government agencies.

The PBCP envisions Hawaii as the major processing, refinement, and export hub to the U.S. market for sustainable and gluten-free food products, such as flour made from breadfruit. The CNMI would serve a similar function for the Asian market.

A regional approach is imperative if the developing industry is to achieve fruition within the projected three-year time frame, according to Avegalio. He noted that global food distributor C. H. Robinson moves at least 300 tons of regular flour a week. "No one island group can supply that demand," he said. "Only a collaborative regional approach can expect to do so."

Support from the Ulu Pono Initiative of Hawaii helped to launch the Pacific Regional Breadfruit Initiative's inaugural Breadfruit Summit in 2012, which was hosted in Pago Pago by former governor Togiola of American Samoa. American and Western Samoa are leading the initiative in Polynesia.

In 2013 the Micronesian Chief Executives Summit endorsed the Breadfruit Initiative for Micronesia under the leadership of Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands on Saipan.

Fiji-based agriculture consulting firm Koko Siga Pacific, the University of the South Pacific, and the U.S. Embassy in Fiji are collaborating on a Melanesian Breadfruit Summit in early 2015. A Pacific Regional Breadfruit Conference is being planned for October 2015 in Hawaii.

Avegalio serves in two management roles for the University of Hawaii. He serves as the director of the PBCP and as the executive director of the Honolulu Minority Business Enterprise Center, both housed at UH Mānoa's Shidler College of Business. In August, the HMBEC was inducted into the Minority Business Development Agency Century Club and further recognized as a National Top Performing Center by the U.S. Department of Commerce. ***(University of Hawaii)***

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Mayor's office still taking care of San Jose intersection

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Several community members have expressed concern about the wilted look of the flowers at the U.S. Armed Forces Memorial in San Jose at the Atkins-Kroll intersection but the Saipan Mayor's Office assured that this is a temporary situation.

The mayor's senior adviser, Henry Hofschneider, told *Saipan Tribune* that the only reason why they have not been able to do any upkeep in the area recently is because of the heavy rains and the recent passage of Typhoon Vongfong.

Some community members are concerned that the intersection's flowers, which used to be vibrant and fresh, have started to look stale and uncared for, with several of the flowers already withering away.

Hofschneider said their staff had planted new flowers in the medians but the continuous rain killed majority of the plants.

"Those plants aren't meant for heavy rain. We're going to go back to fix the area," he said.

Hofschneider noted that they will be planting new plants as well replacing those that have withered and died.

"We are just waiting for the weather to be good so we can continue with the project," Hofschneider said.

According to him, the plants were all replaced with new ones only last month..

"We ask the public to be patient because we are trying our best to maintain the area," he said.

The project was first unveiled last year, initiated by former Saipan mayor Donald Flores as part of his island beautification project.

'Frankenstein' is a big hit



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Backstage with Victor Frankenstein, played by Markel Toves, center, his Creature, played by Sam Soledad, left, and a villager, played by Lynzey Green.

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club staged another hit production with its recent production of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The production was received by two sold-out shows and much acclaim for the creative approach to Shelley's Gothic masterpiece. Held on the school campus in a special inside theater designed just for the production, this original stage adaption of Shelley's novel was written and directed by school president and dramatist Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

"Although we had some sound issues, we are very pleased with the outcome," said Deleon Guerrero. "It's been a dream of mine for quite some time to bring this story to life, and having this kind of turnout and response means a lot, especially since we took some risks with our approach to a story that has been retold so many times."

One of those risks was to highlight some aspects of Shelley's novel that are often underplayed or ignored in many film adaptations. For example, one entire scene was devoted to a trial in which Justine Moritz, a close family friend of the Frankensteins, is framed for murder yet still found guilty and sentenced to death. In the original novel, this aspect of the story is very important as it was Shelley's way of criticizing the criminal justice system of her time, hence the play on the name "Justine" for "Justice". This scene was featured prominently in the Theatre Club's production.

The production also made innovative use of videos to transition between scenes. Quotes from literature that inspired *Frankenstein* were shown on a screen above the main stage, along with video clips that moved the story along, including clips of KSPN2 News's Brad Ruszala as an anchor for the Geneva News Network.

The two lead actors, Markel Toves and Sam Soledad, were very happy with how the show turned out. Toves, who played Dr. Victor Frankenstein, said, "I'm honored to be in this play. It's been a great experience that taught me a lot of about drama and acting." He particularly appreciated the approach taken by this production. "I never thought it would go this way, which is far beyond what I predicted." He added, "This production was brilliant!"

Soledad, who played Frankenstein's Creature, worked hard to deliver a strong performance. He said, "I hope I got my character down and scary enough." But that hard work paid off. "It was a great show and I liked how it helped you sympathize with all the characters, because everyone has a good and a bad side."

With *Frankenstein*, the school's Theatre Club continues its string of performance successes. In December last year, the club sold out both shows of its adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Earlier this year, the club helped with the school's Save the Stage campaign by staging Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, which brought in over 400 audience members. And most recently, this past summer, the club sponsored a six-week Kids Drama Camp, which culminated with a standing-room-only audience for *Shakespeare Meets Disney*, which featured abridged children's versions of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, *Hamlet*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Since the club was founded in 1996, it has staged over 35 productions, including plays by Shakespeare, Disney musicals, and several original plays.

The MCS Theatre Club thanks the following individuals and groups who contributed in one way or another to the success of *Frankenstein*: Ed Javier, Chong's Corp., IT&E, Jamika Reyes and her T Galleria by DFS make-up team, James "Bodig" Guerrero and Northern Marianas College, Whispering Palms, Joeten Shopping Center, Ace Hardware, National Office Supply, Modern Stationary, Unity Dress Shop, Pena House, Chay Aspa and R&M Printers, Jun Mamporte and Island Apparel, Brad Ruszala and KSPN2 News, Zaldy Dandan and *Marianas Variety*, Thomas Manglona II and *Saipan Tribune*, and Frank Gibson and Friends of the Arts, John Blanco, Steven Johnson, and John Del Rosario. ***(MCS)***



Saipan offers lineup of Halloween events to choose from

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Time to celebrate All Hallow's Eve with sweet treats, tricks, a little scare and costumes of different shapes and sizes. But where to go trick-or-treating on Saipan? No worries, as several places are hosting events to celebrate Oct. 31.

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is hosting a Halloween outreach today at the Kagman Community Center from 6pm to 9pm. Children and family members can enjoy a haunted house, fun and games, as well as free candy. Admission is free.

The *Marianas Variety*'s annual "Trunk or Treat" event will kick off at the American Memorial Park from 6pm to 9pm. It will feature a "Little Pumpkins Parade," which is a costume contest with categories for cute, funny, or scary. Winners will get prizes. Treats for kids will also be available.

Joeten Kiyu Public Library will have its "Trunk or Treat" as well, from 4pm to 7:30pm. They will have 11 vehicles full of candy in their car trunks and will host an outdoor movie if the weather is fair.

But Halloween is not just about the kids; adults can join in on the fun as well. Club C at the Kanoa Resort is hosting a Halloween Party starting at 5pm. All guests that show up in a costume will receive a free drink and a contest will be held featuring $100 in prizes for best male and female costumes.

The Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan is hosting a Fright Night from 5pm to 9pm at the Chambre Bar. Every purchase of any kind of drink will entitle one to a raffle ticket for amazing gifts and giveaways. Those wearing costumes will get one free Miller Lite or a coupon.

GIG Club is also hosting a costume party along with a costume contest for young adults above 21 years of age.

If drinking, partying, and wearing costumes are not your thing, the Victory Chapel will be hosting a play for Halloween across Hopwood Junior High School at 7pm.

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HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-12 (English)

This initiative proposes a constitutional amendment to the level of funding mandated for the Public School System (PSS). The only change is from a guaranteed annual budget of 15% to a guaranteed annual budget of 25% of the general revenues of the Commonwealth. This budgetary appropriation is not available for re-programming.

The purpose of the proposed initiative is to provide greater financial support to PSS and to bring CNMI education funding to the same funding level as found in other state jurisdictions of the US.

PROS

This amendment will guarantee that a future Legislature cannot decrease PSS funding below 25% of general revenues. Without a constitutional amendment, the Legislature is free to restrict spending to PSS to the minimum guaranteed 15%. The pressures of other obligations during budget time makes the budget process political and education needs may suffer in that process without this proposed change.

On average, 25% of state revenues are spent on K-12 education in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The proposed change would guarantee a higher level of funding to the CNMI PSS than currently exists. This increase would make the CNMI's education funding match that spent in the US.

The CNMI Constitution guarantees free public education. It is useful to have an educated population for participation in civic affairs and for the general benefit of the community. A mandate for 25% funded education system may help meet the constitutional promise and provide greater educational opportunities and better quality education.

CONS

The amendment restricts Legislative flexibility to address problems with budget appropriations. The Legislature would have less money available to it for appropriations for other government functions. Right now, the Legislature may direct 85% of general revenues, subject to other constraints. This gives the Legislature the flexibility to spend general revenues on matters it deems pressing or important. With the change from the proposed amendment, the Legislature would have only 75% of general revenues to direct towards other government functions.

Some other government departments or funded activities will get a smaller percentage than they receive now. Increasing PSS funding may hurt some other important and necessary governmentally-funded work. If PSS must get 25% of the general revenues, the Legislature would need to raise taxes or find other ways to increase the government revenues to maintain current levels of spending in other areas.

The Legislature is presently permitted to fund PSS at 25% or more if it decides that is what to do with the limited resources of the CNMI. A constitutional amendment isn't necessary to allow this to happen if the Legislature wants to direct that much of the budget to PSS. It may not go below 15%.

CONCLUSION

The proposed amendment is consistent with and would achieve its intended purpose to increase PSS support and bring CNMI's contribution to K-12 education in line with spending in the 50 states of the USA. However, increasing PSS's budget means that some other government-funded activity or function will receive less; the government will have to raise more revenues to maintain its current spending level for those other activities and functions.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-12 (Chamorro)

Esti na initiative ha proponi i constitutional amendment para i level of funding ni ma'otdin para i Sisteman Iskuelan Pupbliku (PSS). Atyu ha' na tinilaika i guaranteed annual budget gi kinsi (15%) put sientu asta i guaranteed budget gi bentisingku (25%) put sientu gi general revenues gi Commonwealth. Esti na apropositun budgetary ti gumuaha para i re-programming.

I hinangai maproponi na initiative para u na'guaha ladangkulu na suppotasion fainansiåt para i PSS yan para u na'hålum fondun idukasion CNMI gi parehu na funding level kumu masodda' gi halum ottru state jurisdiction giya US.

FINABOT SIHA

Esti na amendasion para u garentia i mamamaila' na Leyislatura ni ti u na'menus i fondun PSS gi papa' bentisingku (25%) put sientu gi general revenues. Sin i constitutional amendment, i Leyislatura u free gi prinibin ginasta para i PSS guatu gi minimum guaranteed gi kinsi (15%)put sientu. I pressures gi ottru opbligasion siha gi durånti oran budget ha fa'tinas budget process political yan education needs anai siña ha na'famadesi ni atyu i process sin esti i maproponi na tinilaika.

Gi average, i bentisingku (25%) put sientu gi state revenues manmagåsta gi K-12 na idukasion gi halum singkuenta (50) states yan i District of Columbia. I maproponi na tinilaika para u garentia i higher level na finondu para i CNMI PSS ki prisenti ni gaigi. Esti na inåomenta para u na'guaha i CNMI's education funding match ni magåsta gi halum US.

I Konstitusion CNMI ha garentia i free public education. Gef båli para u guaha educated population para pattisipasion gi halum civic affairs yan i benifisiun henerål gi kumunidå. I ma'otdin na para bentisingku (25%) put sientu ni mafondu i sisteman idukation siña inayuda umafakcha' i constitutional promise yan ha prometi ladangkulu na opottunidåt idukasion siha yan mås måolik na kualidåt idukasion.

KINENTRA SIHA

I amendasion ha pribi Legislative flexibility para u address i prublema siha yan i budget appropriations. I Leyislatura para na'menus muna'guaha salåppi' para i apropiasion siha gi ottru na fungksion gubietnamentu siha. På'gu na ora, i Leyislatura siña ha direct i otchentaisingku (85%) put sientu gi general revenues, masuhetu para ottru na constraints. Esti ha nå'i i Leyislatura ni flexibility ni para u gåsta i general revenues gi manera siha ni ha kunsidera humonñu' pat impottånti. Ya i tinilaika ginin i maproponi na amendasion, i Leyislatura siña gumuaha ha' sitientaisingku (75%) put sientu gi general revenues ni para u na direct guatu gi ottru na fungksion gubietnamentu siha.

Guaha ottru dipattamentun gubietnamentu siha pat aktibidåt siha ni manmafondu para u fanmanå'i ladididi' na percentage ki håfa marisisibi på'gu. An mahåtsan i PSS funding siña chini'ut palu ottru ni manimpottånti yan nisisåriu na governmentally-funded na cho'chu'. Yanggin i PSS debi na u chuli' i bentisingku (25%) put sienti gi general revenues, i Leyislatura siempri ha nisisita u håtsa taxes pat u aligåo ottru manera siha ni para u håtsa i government revenues ni para u sustieni i current levels gi ginastan ottru manera siha.

I Leyislatura ha petmiti gi prisenti na para u fondu i PSS gi bentisingku (25%) put sientu pat mås yanggin ha disidi ni håfa para u cho'gui ni limited sources i CNMI. I constitutional amendment ti nisisåriu para u sedi esti na u masusedi yanggin i malagu' i Leyislatura para u direct atyu na budget guatu gi PSS. Siña ha' ti u tunuk gi menus di kinsi (15%) put sientu.

HINICHUM

I maproponi na amendasion kunsisti yan u achieve i intensiona-ña na hinangai para u mahåtsa i sinupottan PSS yan u na'hålum kuntirbusion siha gi CNMI para K-12 na idukasion u parehu yan i gåstun gi halum i 50 states gi USA. Solu, i hinatsan PSS budget kumeke'ilekña na guaha ottru government-funded na aktibidåt pat fungksion para u risibi menus; i gubietnamentu para u håtsa mås revenues para u mantieni i prisenti na spending level para atyu i ottru aktibidåt yan fungksion siha.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-12 (Carolinian)

Mwóghutúghútúghút yel nge e pommoli euw Constitutional Amendment ngáli apílúghúlúghúl lapal Salaapi ye e bwe atottoolong rel Public School System (PSS). E bwe liwell sángi me rel 15% Guaranteed Annual Budget ngáli 25% Guaranteed Annual Budget sángi general Revenue lól Commonwealth. Budgetary appropriation yel nge ese ayoora ngáli mwóghutúghútúl rel re-programming.

Mwóghutúghúl rel pommol initiative yel mge e new ayoora ngáli Financial Support PSS me e bwe ngalleey CNMI Education salaapiyal me aweewel lapal salaapi kka re ayoora me akkááw téé me lemelemil wól US.

ABWUNG

Liwell nge e bwe guarantee li bwe future Legislature re ssóbw asóssólatiw sángi 25% me rel PSS funding sángi general revenues. Ngáre ese yoor constitutional amendment, E mmwel bwe Legislature re bwe fféér mángemáng lól tipeer bwe ayúghúló igha re bwe issiis ngáli PSS rel bwal lapal minimum guaranteed 15%. Eyoor tipetchówul ghal akkááw mwóghutúghút ngáre ghal óttol kkapasal budget, mwóghutúghútúl budget eghi political nge e bwal tipetchów ngáli mwóghutúghútúl Education ngáre ese yoor pommol liwell kka.

Rel average, 25% rel state revenue nge re ghal yááyá ngáli K-12 education sángiir 50 states me District of Columbia. Pommol liwell nge e bwe guarantee igha e bwe lapaló funding ngáli CNMI PSS mmwal óttol kkeey. E bwe aweewe lapalól me issiissil funding rel CNMI education me bwal US.

CNMI Constitution e guarantee li free public Education. Eghi lamalam bwe e bwe yoor education reer toulap bwe re bwe tuutá lól civic affairs me bwal schóól angaangil rel allillisil lól téé. Rel mandate ngáli 25% funded education system nge e pwal allillis rel constitutional promise me e bwe ngalleey aghaghatchúl educational opportunities me e pwal yooroló lomwotal rel education.

TIPERÁÁRÁ

Rel liwell yel nge e bwe ayoora lemelem sángi Legislative flexibility igha re bwe mwóghut ágháli prublema rel budget appropriation. E bwe ghi sóssól sángi salaapi kka e ghal ayoorolong ngáli appropriation rel bwal akkááw mwóghutúghútúl gobetnamento. Ighila, Legislature e mmwel re bwe ngalleey ló 85% sángi general revenues, kkapasal sángi bwal yal lemelem. E bwal ngalleey Legislature flexibility bwe re bwe yááyá general revenues rel meeta kka re mángi bwe eghi impotóónti. Rel liwell sángi pommol mwóghutúghútúl re bwe liwelli, e bwe ayoora ngáli Legislature 75% me rel general funds bwe e bwe ngalleey ló bwal akkááw kkapasal mwóghutúghút lól gobetnameento.

Bwal akkááw bwulasiyo lól gobetnameento me ngáre mwóghutúghút kka re bwal ghal ayoora salaapiyal nge re bwe bweibwogh eghus percentage sángi meeta re kke bweibwogh ighila. Ngáre re sárághita lapal PSS funding, nge e bwe bwal weires ngáliir bwal gobetnameento kka re bwal impotóónti me angaang kka re bwal governmentally-funded. Ngáre PSS e bwughi 25% me rel general revenues, Legislature re bwe sárághitá lapal taxes me ngáre re bwe ghutta efaisúl re bwe bwal sárághi bwal government revenues bwe re bwe aweweey ló schagh mwóghutúghútúl me igha re bwe bwal akkeschelong salaapi iye.

E yoor bwángil Legislature bwe re bwe ngalleey PSS funds rel 25% me ngáre bwal lapalól ngáre iyel mille re tipáli rel meeta fischáliyal resources kka lól CNMI. Mille constitutional amendment nge ese bwal nesesóóriyo bwe e bwe bwunguló ngáre Legislature re tipáli bwe ngalleer lapal budget ngáli PSS. E ssóbw bwal sóssól lapal sángi 15%.

MWÚTCHUL

Pommol liwell nge e bwe aweewe ló schagh rel me re bwe abwung rel mángemángil mwóghutúghút bwe re bwe ayoora ló allillis rel PSS me re bwe ngalleey CNMI contribution rel K-12 education rel aweewel mwóghutúghútúl salaapi sángi 50 states me rel USA. Nge, ngáre PSS budget e bwe llangaló, weweel mille nge akkááw government-funded activity me ngáre functions, e bwe ghitighiit ló meeta re bwe bweibwogh me rel; Gobetnameento e bwe sárághil ólongal revenues bwe le re bwe aweewey ló schagh salaapiyal me akkááw activities me functions.

CSD releases 2013 Q3, Q4 CPI, EI reports

The CNMI Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division is releasing the Consumer Price Index and the Economic Indicators Reports for the third and fourth quarter of 2013.

The statistical information reflected in the CPI publication contains information that measure quarterly changes in prices of goods and services, which represents purchases by households in the CNMI.

The Economic Indicators depicts the social and economic conditions of the CNMI from data collected and tabulated by the CSD, with contributions from other CNMI departments and agencies, as well as inputs from private organizations.

These quarterly reports are essential information for the public, the business community and policy makers for reference in making sound decisions.

"Despite predominant urgencies, shortage of staff and resources, CSD continues to strive to meet its benchmarks as set forth in the Statistical Act in publishing mandated quarterly reports," stated acting Commerce secretary Francisco D. Cabrera and acting CSD director Alfonis Sound. "Not an easy task especially when other demands exist from other funded projects but the crew manage as much as they can."

Report will be available for public consumption today, Oct. 31, 2014, at the following link: http://commerce.gov.mp/divisions/central-statistics/. ***(Office of the Governor)***

Guam crafter is given title of 'master carver'

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A woman who has created and carved cultural art for more than 22 years was honored on Tuesday with the title "Sainan Minehalom Manlasgue-Adotnon I Tatåotao," or Master Carver-Body Ornamentation.

The Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency on Oct. 21 gave Julie "Jill" Quichocho Benavente the title during a surprise ceremony at the Saggan Kotturan Chamorro in Tumon. The title of Guam Master was created under local law to recognize master practitioners who preserve the island's history and cultural traditions.

Benavente carves fine jewelry from local materials such as giant clam, spondylus, stone, cow bone, wild boar tusks, deer horn and more.

Benavente believed yesterday's ceremony was being held for the upcoming Festival of the Pacific Arts, which Guam is hosting in 2016.

Holding back tears, she accepted the award and thanked everyone who made it possible.

After the ceremony she said the title is an honor, but it won't change what she does every day.

"The work still continues, training still continues and my projects still need to be done," she said.

She said the focus now is to get ready for the festival in 2016.

"It's not about me. It's about teaching and making the next generations of artisans. Hopefully, we can start putting Guam on the map with awesome artisans from all walks, and that's our goal," she said.

Benavente said it is important for other young Chamorros to find someone to learn from so that the culture can continue to live on.

As a traditional Chamorro jewelry artist, Benavente gradually established herself in the male-dominated art form in the 1990s, according to a biography from CAHA.

She had a difficult time being accepted, which helped her develop her own processes and style as an artist. She started doing basic latte design, the iconic symbols of the Chamorro people, and then gradually designed unique pieces.

Her signature piece is the "Hima Gualafon," or full moon, necklace worn by many women active in the cultural perpetuation movement.

Her work has been showcased at numerous exhibits and events and she has been a steadfast participant and advocate of Chamorro cultural renaissance.





Ex-convict admits burglarizing poker arcade

Conrad Anthony Borja Iba, a 37-year-old ex-convict, has admitted that he was behind the burglary at Shanny Laundry & Poker in Chalan Kanoa in May.

Iba pleaded guilty to burglary on Tuesday as part of a plea deal. He will be sentenced on Jan. 20, 2015.

Under the plea deal, Iba shall be sentenced to five years, all suspended except for a range of not less than one year and not more than three years to be determined at sentencing.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Iba with burglary and theft.

According to the plea deal, Iba entered Shanny Laundy & Poker on May 19, 2014, with the purpose of stealing. A surveillance camera reportedly led police to identify Iba as the suspect.

The cashier told police that someone went into the storage room of the establishment and stole coins in the amount of $469.94 that were kept in buckets. A maintenance worker discovered the coins missing the following day, May 20.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo is presiding over the case. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



'LISTENING TOUR' CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CNMI residents in Guam and former Rota senator Eusebio A. Hocog embrace the Babauta-Torres Leadership Team during a listening tour held by former governor Juan N. Babauta in Guam.

BSI's Wu to speak at Chamber's Nov. meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its November general membership meeting next Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Hyatt Sandcastle. Luncheon begins at 11:30am, with the meeting starting promptly at noon.

Guest speaker will be Jacqueline Wu, senior vice president of Best Sunshine International, who will talk about Best Sunshine's Beautification Campaign.

Perry Inos Jr. will also make a brief presentation for the Profit Mastery seminar that will be held on Nov. 13 and 14.

Three new member companies will also be welcomed to the Chamber's roster of members.

Luncheon cost for Chamber members is $20. Non-member cost is $30. ***(SCC)***

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'Kilili earned the support of his Democratic colleagues'

The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives has announced his support for the re-election of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP). Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.) made the endorsement in an open letter to voters in the Northern Mariana Islands this week.

"As a member of the Democratic Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan has become a leader for the Democratic Party and an effective advocate for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands," Becerra wrote.

The Democratic Caucus is the official organization of all Democrats in the House and welcomes Independents, such as Sablan, who align with the inclusive, multicultural, and community-centered policies of the national Democratic Party.

Becerra highlighted Sablan's leadership positions among Democrats, who chose him to be Ranking Member on the Fisheries, Oceans, Wildlife, and Insular Affairs Subcommittee. "He is our voice there, speaking up for the protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of our natural resources today and in the future."

Becerra also noted that Democrats had elected Sablan to be a Whip for the geographical area that covers San Francisco and all of Northern California, Hawaii, and the Pacific insular areas. "As a Regional Whip, your Congressman is the liaison between the Democratic Party leadership and the individual Democrats in his area of responsibility," Becerra explained.

"[Kilili] has earned his leadership posts and the support of his Democratic colleagues."

Sablan responded to Becerra's endorsement with appreciation. "Working closely with the Democrats in the House has given me the opportunity to include the Northern Marianas in key legislation," Sablan recalled.

"Raising Pell grants and expanding eligibility for Pell, the College Access Challenge Grant for institutions that serve minority populations, the Edu-Jobs Act that kept teachers and support staff at PSS working during the darkest days of the economic downturn, keeping AmeriCorps alive and running and adding the Marianas to other service programs, such as Foster Grandparents and Youth Build, that we did not have access to—these were all Democratic programs I was able to be a part of from the day the bills were introduced until the President signed them into law.

"Working with the Democrats has definitely helped me help the people I work for in the Northern Marianas," Sablan said.

Becerra even noted that Sablan has been effective working with both parties in Congress. "By working with fellow Democrats and by building relationships across the aisle, Mr. Sablan succeeded in adding benefits for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to numerous laws enacted during the 113th Congress and throughout his six years in office," said Becerra.

One example was the $32.5-million increase in food stamp funding that Sablan succeeded in adding to the national farm policy bill enacted this year. At the same time the Republican majority in the House cut food stamp funding nationwide by some $9 billion, the Northern Marianas was singled out in the new law for a multi-million dollar increase.

Sablan has also been endorsed for re-election by the Congressional Asian Pacific Americans Caucus and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer and received financial support from a number of members of Congress, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus political action committee, BoldPac.

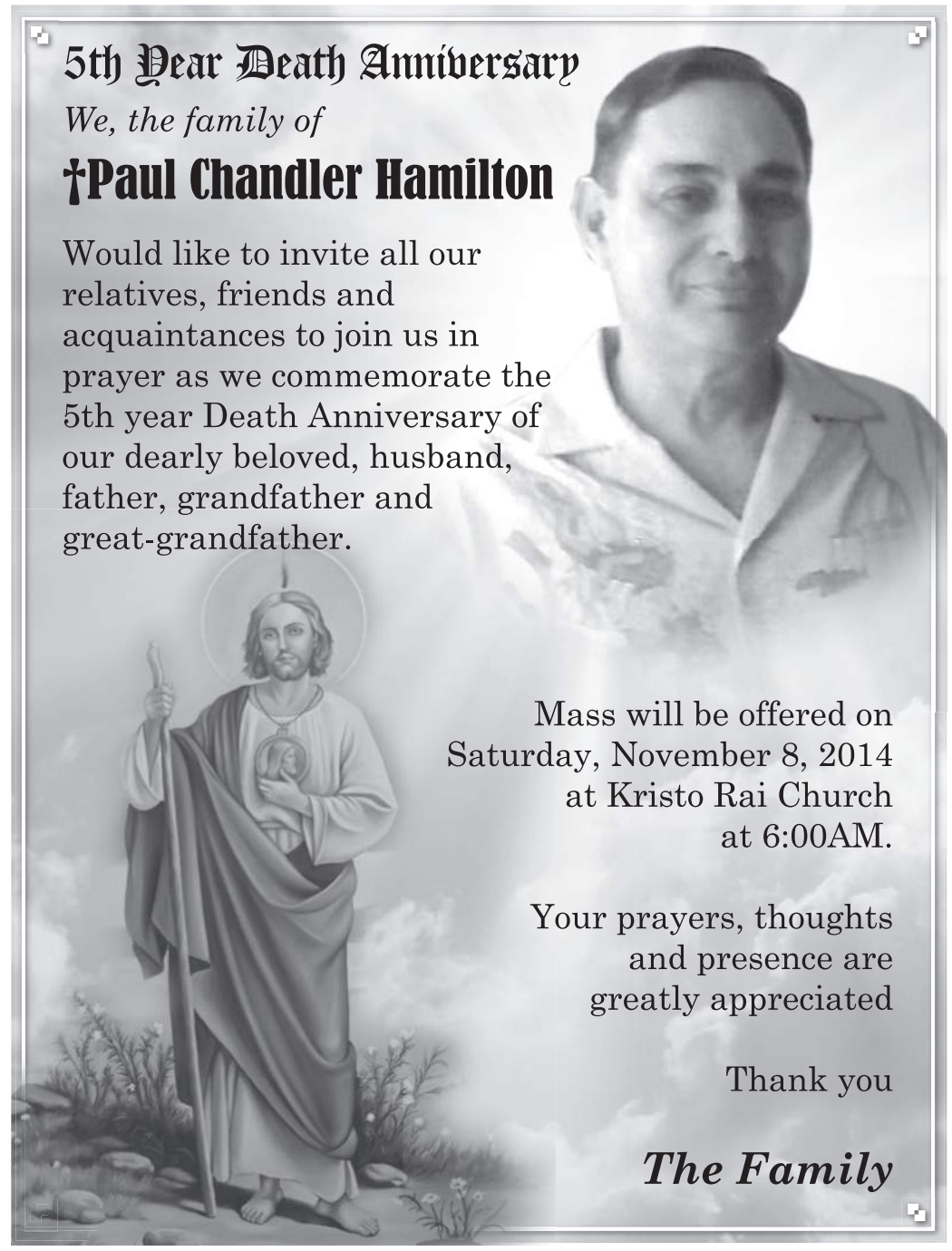
"I encourage you to vote for [Kilili] again on November 4th," Becerra's letter concluded, "so he can continue 'working for you.'" ***(PR)***

5th Year Death Anniversary

We, the family of

†Paul Chandler Hamilton

Would like to invite all our relatives, friends and acquaintances to join us in prayer as we commemorate the 5th year Death Anniversary of our dearly beloved, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



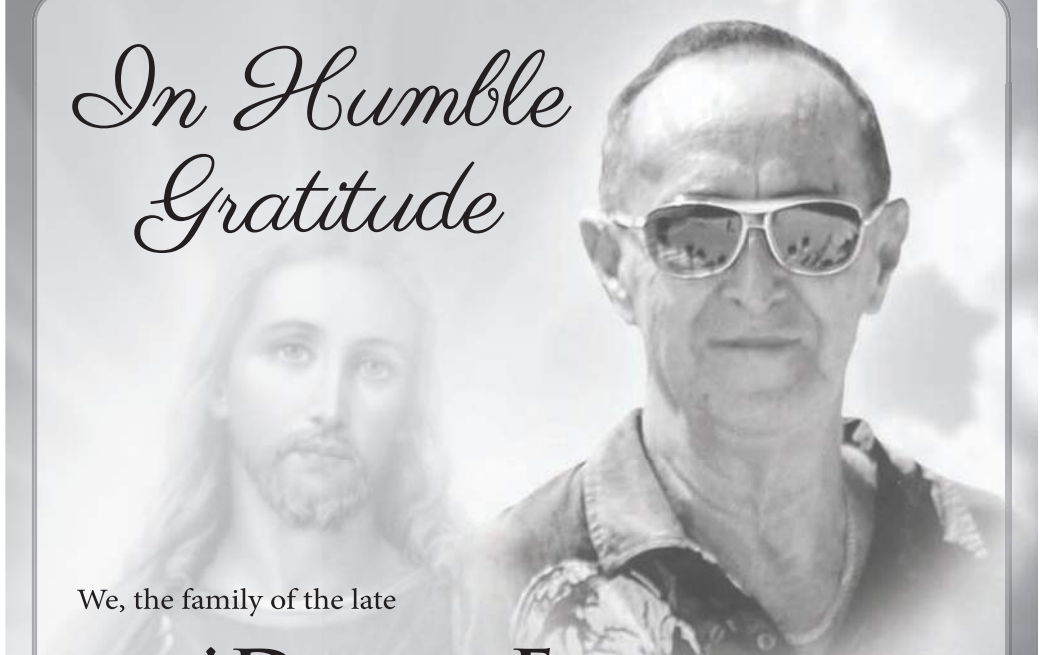
Mass will be offered on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00AM.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated

Thank you

The Family

In Humble Gratitude



We, the family of the late

†David Edward Pangelinan

wish to express a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all our families, relatives, and friends. Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support in expressing your sympathy, condolences, and prayers have greatly helped us to endure the grief and sorrow of our loss. Your presence with us at the daily mass, rosary and during the Mass of Christian Burial has given us strength to carry on each day. We are very grateful to all of you. Your kindness and love will be cherished and remembered.

May God Bless Us All. Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank You

Children and Family

In Loving Memory of

†Rory Tarkong

September 13, 1958 – October 22, 2014



He Will Be Missed And Forever Remembered In The Hearts Of His:

Wife: **Martha Ngelang Senior Tarkong**

Children: Caroll Ngeroi Tarkong
Carson Tarkong & Kelly Sablan (Kyra Celest)
Sammy Sumios Tarkong
Brianna Elilai Medalarak

Reared Mother: Hinami Tarkong

He will also be missed by his brother, sisters, uncles, aunties, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

On November 1, 2014 his remains will be escorted at 9:00am from CHC Morgue to James Miwata Elidechedong's residence at Mwar Mwar St. Dandan for Funeral and Final Viewing. Burial will follow at Tanapag Cemetery at 2:00PM .

Kom Kmal Mesulang and Thank you

Ngelang, Children and family



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Keynotes School of Music officer and music teachers pose with young music students during their recital, "Autumn Musical Wonders," that was held Oct. 18, 2014, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. A total of 21 students, majority of them beginners, participated in the recital.

Keynotes School of Music students hold Oct. recital

A total of 21 students of Keynotes School of Music, most of them beginners, participated in the Oct. 18, 2014, musical recital titled "Autumn Musical Wonders" held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Some of the students were first-time participants but all of them successfully performed their respective numbers in piano, guitar, drums, and voice, to the enjoyment of the audience, especially the students' parents. The event was KSM's second successful recital this year. Following the recital, KSM also held a fund-raising musical concert called "Musical Parade on Memory Lane" featuring six of the most talented students of the school.

Keynotes School of Music, previously conducting business in Gualo Rai, now operates at a bigger and better facility located on the second floor of Pine Tree Building right across Spring Commercial Building along Middle Road. Telephone number remains the same: 233-6872. For inquiry about music lessons, KSM can also be contacted online with its email address sbrkeynotes@yahoo.com. ***(KSM)***

Inos, Torres on Marianas Agupa

The Marianas Agupa radio talk show will feature governor Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres—the Republican Party candidates for governor and lieutenant governor—on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, between 10am and 11am, to make their case to the people of the Commonwealth in their quest to become governor and lieutenant governor.

The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Other featured reports are as follows: World report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos. A special segment reports from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola, and a village report from Antonio R. Cabrera. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, contact Manglona at 287-4536. ***(PR)***

Guam to build $589M power plant to comply with law

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The Guam Power Authority is planning to build a $589 million power generator from scratch.

The *Pacific Daily News* reported Wednesday that the power authority plans to stop using its existing oil-burning power plants to comply with environmental regulations.

The new power plant will be built to run on both liquefied natural gas and clean diesel. It will be cooled using treated wastewater.

The plant is expected to provide more than three-quarters of the island's power needs by 2020.

The authority and the Consolidated Commission on Utilities face pressure to move forward with the plan, which faces permitting, rate, environmental and land-use regulatory reviews.

The next step is for the Guam Power Authority to make a case before the Public Utilities Commission that the rates will be good for taxpayers.

If the authority doesn't make changes to meet federal regulations, it could face fines of up to $109 million per year, officials at the authority said.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†Rosario Saimon Arriola Camacho

Lovingly known as "Charu"



Born on January 12, 1941, was called to her Eternal Rest at the age of 73 on October 22, 2014 in San Mateo, California

In Her New Life she now joins her:

HUSBAND: †Albert "Bobbing" Sablan Camacho
FATHER: †Manuel Fausto Arriola
MOTHER: †Keniye Saimon Arriola
FATHER-IN-LAW: †Luis T. Camacho
MOTHER-IN-LAW: †Ramona S. Camacho
DAUGHTERS: †Vertilia C. Leon Guerrero, Elphidia C. Sablan
SON-IN-LAW: †Nicolas C. Leon Guerrero
BROTHERS: †Joaquin S. Arriola, †Jose S. Arriola, †William S. Arriola
BROTHER-IN-LAWS: †Vicente S. Camacho, †Juan S. Villagomez, †Francisco C. Deleon Guerrero, †Ricardo T. Borja
SISTER-IN-LAWS: †Susana C. Villagomez, †Antonia S. Camacho, †Mariana C. Deleon Guerrero, †Rita C. Arriola, †Kenye Arriola

Her Loving Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

CHILDREN:

†VERTILIA and †Nicolas C. Leon Guerrero (*Tina Marie* & Brian/kids, *Michael* & Nicole/kids, *Nicolas Jr.* & Rea, *Marisa* & Armand /kids, *Scott, Albert, Eric*)
†ELPHIDIA (PEDING) and Tito M. Sablan (*Pamela* & Jesse/son, *Mary Catherine "Kit"* & Jude/kids, *Gina Marie* & Jesse/daughter, *Nicole* & Christopher/kids)
LUIS DLG. Camacho (*Helen* & John/kids, *Velma* & Galvin/kids)
DIEGO DLG. and Carmen B. Camacho (*Primitiva "Bibang"* & Leonard/kids, *Diego Joaquin*)
MANUEL A. and Joyce P. Camacho (*Mona Rose* & Byron/daughter, *Manuel Robert Jr.* & Yerma/kids, *†Jacob, Joab "JJ"* & Gydia/kids, *Joseph "Ping"* & Maya/son, *Michelle* & Michi, *Jesus, Efrain Albert*)
ALBERT PATRICK "Bamba" and Magdalena "Manding" Q. Camacho (*Savanah "Vana"*/son, *Albert Jr. "Bing"*/son)
ALBERT LG. Camacho, Jr. and Angelina C. Villagomez
MARTIN A. and Portia S. Camacho (*Luis Joaquin "LJ"* & Jaclene, *Steveni* & Charity/daughter, *Kendra, Martin John "MJ"*)
PETER ANTHONY LG. and Eva C. Camacho (*Daniela Carmen*)
MONA C. and Samisoni Moala (*Hausia Albert* & Rhenell, *Funaki Rosario* & Lancer, *Richard* & Teresa/son, *Samisoni Jr.* & Jackelyn, *Keniye Fa'apida* & Eric)
PAUL WILLIAM DLG. and Velma Palacios Camacho (*RyAnne Veronica, Puti'on Primitiva, Paul William II*)
MELVIN WAYNE C. and Ruth Ann P. Sakisat (*Melvin*/kids, *Ignacia "Acha", Melvin Jr. "MJ", Adrianne*)

BROTHERS/SISTERS and SPOUSES:

Jesus S. and Magdalena D. Arriola/Family
Albert S. and †Kenye Arriola/Family
Josepha A. and Robert Weilbacher/Family
†Joaquin A. and Lolita T. Arriola/Family
Manuel S. and Yuxia Li Aguon/Family
†William and Anicia L. Arriola/Family
Ned S. and Kathleen H. Arriola/Family
Francisco S. and †Rita C. Arriola/Family
Maryann A. and Sylvan O. Laniyo/Family

BROTHER/SISTER-IN-LAWS and SPOUSES:

†Vicente S. and Estephania F. Camacho/Family
†Juan S. and †Susana C. Villagomez/Family
†Antonia S. Camacho/Family
†Mariana C. and †Francisco C. Deleon Guerrero/Family
Trinidad C. and †Ricardo T. Borja/Family
Froilan S. and Maria S. Camacho/Family
Margarita S. Camacho
Dr. Carlos S. and Lourdes "Winnie" P. Camacho/Family
Benita C. and Jerry Kortz/Family

She is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and god-children.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00 am at Kristo Rai Church.
Nightly Rosary for the soul of our Dearest †***Charu*** is being said at 7:00pm at Kristo Rai Church and will continue until Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

Mama †***Charu***'s body will be arriving on Saipan on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 1:25 am at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. She will immediately be taken to Borja Funeral Home.

On Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30am, she will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral for Responso, followed by Rosary and viewing.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers, support and words of comfort are sincerely appreciated by her Children, Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws and their families.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay and Kulo malulap.

Off the Wall

Boy or girl? Family with 12 sons awaits baby 13

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP)—A western Michigan couple with 12 sons is expecting baby No. 13, and even though they're sticking to their tradition of not finding out in advance whether they're having a boy or girl, they said they'd be shocked if their streak is broken.

Jay and Kateri Schwandt's baby is due May 9, The Grand Rapids Press reported (http://bit.ly/1wLt00x). Even though they expect it will be another boy, the couple said they would welcome either into the family.

"If we were to have a girl, I think we would go into shock," Kateri Schwandt said. "It would probably be disbelief."

If he had a choice, Jay Schwandt said he would love to have a girl, but they're just "hoping for a healthy baby." Still, he would like to see the effect of adding a girl to the mix in a household with 12 boys.

"I've experienced all the boy stuff," he said. "As long as we are having all these children, it would be really neat to experience the other side."

The couple welcomed their twelfth son, Tucker, to the world on Aug. 4, 2013. Their oldest son is now 22 years old.

"The stuff that goes on in this house is all-boy—rough-housing and wrestling," Jay Schwandt said. "If there was a little girl in there, I assume it would be different."

Kateri Schwandt, after being the sole female in the family for more than two decades, said she would lean toward having one more boy.

"A little girl would be neat to have in the house, but a little boy kind of takes the pressure off," she said. "We know what we are doing. Why change things up?"

The Schwandts, who live Rockford, which is north of Grand Rapids, consider themselves devout Roman Catholics and don't believe in using birth control. Kateri Schwandt comes from a family of 14 kids. She said she is feeling well.

"I love being pregnant," she said. "I've spent half of my life being pregnant. It's very neat and very special."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

X-ray shows sick tortoise swallowed turtle pendant

MIAMI (AP)—The source of a sick tortoise's discomfort became clear after a south Florida veterinarian took an X-ray: The animal had swallowed a turtle pendant. Dr. Don Harris said the 15-pound male African spurred tortoise named Lola hadn't pooped for a month and began acting sick over the weekend. Lola's owner brought him to the Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center in Miami, which Harris co-owns. After an X-ray, Harris spotted the small, turtle-shaped object inside his patient. Lola's owner told Harris she didn't recognize the pendant, but Harris said tortoises graze like cattle. They eat grass, plants and other vegetation, sometimes consuming rocks and other objects as well. Harris is keeping Lola at his clinic, trying to get the pendant to pass. If that fails, surgery may follow.

Man's own dog helps police bust him on drug charge

PRATTVILLE, Ala. (AP)—Police in central Alabama say a man's own dog helped officers bust him on a drug charge. Prattville Police spokeswoman Paula Barlow says the pooch named Bo followed his fleeing master, who was being pursued by officers. When the dog stopped and wagged his tail in tall grass, she says, officers found and arrested Edwin Henderson. Barlow says the chase began when two drug officers arrived Wednesday with a search warrant and Henderson took off running. After an investigator pointed at Henderson and told the dog "go get him," that's what Bo did. Barlow says Henderson is charged with failure to obey police, manufacturing a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. It's unclear if he has an attorney, and there's no word on who's taking care of Bo.

DNA from toilet leads police to burglary suspect

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Police in Albuquerque say a man suspected of a $250,000 heist should have flushed the evidence he left behind. KOAT-TV reports investigators tied Ramon Herrera to the September burglary using DNA left on a toilet. Police say the 33-year-old relieved himself while taking $250,000 worth of jewelry from a home while the owners were on vacation, but he didn't flush. Police say Herrera also took a Coke from the fridge, drank it and left the can along with his DNA. Investigators say DNA from the can and toilet was matched to Herrera. He was recently arrested and booked into the Bernalillo County jail. Herrera has pleaded not guilty to charges of residential burglary and larceny over $20,000.

Woman in zombie costume charged twice with DWI

GATES, N.Y. (AP)—Police say a woman wearing a zombie costume and makeup was charged with drunken driving twice within three hours after attending an upstate New York bar's "zombie prom" party. Police in the town of Gates tell the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester that 26-year-old Catherine Butler, of Rochester, was arrested around 2 a.m. Saturday when an officer spotted her driving without her headlights on. She was taken to the police department, where a friend picked her up. Officials say she got back in her car and was stopped again around 5 a.m. driving on the same road and still in her zombie costume and makeup. Her police mug shot shows were wearing fake blood and cuts on her face.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UTILITY UPGRADE FOR ARFF VEHICLE RAPID REFILL (WATERLINE RELOCATION) PROJECT
Project No. CPA-TA-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for the Tinian International Airport Utility Upgrade for ARFF Vehicle Rapid Refill (Waterline Relocation) Project, No. CPA-TA-001-14, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes development of documentation for National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance, constructability review, completion of design to 100% and overall construction management services. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, November 14, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 25 points;
2. CM experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – 25 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
4. Experience with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance and preparation of documentation including environmental assessments, environmental impact statements and categorical exclusions – 15 points;
5. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 10 points; and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, NOVEMBER 21, 2014.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: **Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama**
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ **JOSE R. LIFOIFOI**
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 23, 2014

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Repainting of Public Facilities on Tinian

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Repaiting of Government Buildings in Tinian.

The project package will be available Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on October 23, 2014** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB15-GOV-001"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 6, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 6, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 6, 2014** and must be received no later than **November 12, 2014, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, November 12, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at **2:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on November 6, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty **(60)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars **($100.00)**, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID
ITB15-GOV-003

Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renvoation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices.

The project package will be available Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 05, 2014** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB15-GOV-003 – Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 17, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 17, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 17, 2014** and the ITB documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than **November 26, 2014, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, November 28, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 17, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:
1) Cash
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Life & Style

No trick-or-treaters? Buy Halloween candy anyway!

NEW YORK (AP)—Don Stewart and his wife will be home with the lights on Halloween night, waiting for trick-or-treaters. But like a lot of folks who stock up on candy, they'll probably end up eating it themselves.

"My wife and I buy candy every year, knowing that trick-or-treaters won't come to see us," said Stewart, an artist in Homewood, Alabama. That's why they buy the treats they like, not necessarily what they think kids will like: "Nothing is wasted. If we plan well, there's usually enough to last us 'til Christmas."

This little game of self-deception plays out each year in buildings where apartment-dwellers wait in vain for door knocks and on suburban side streets and country roads where kids don't wander. "We were bummed out the first few times," said Stewart, "until we realized, 'Hey this is a bonus. We can buy all the candy we want and eat it and it's not our fault.'"

When Paula Werne moved to a rural stretch in Ferdinand, Indiana, 32 years ago with her farmer husband Gary, "I was skeptical we'd have any trick-or-treaters." But her husband insisted the location wouldn't deter locals.

"I purchased multiple bags of goodies and positioned a welcoming jack-o'-lantern in the front window," she recalled. And who came? "Not a soul. Not a single solitary soul ... I even checked to make sure the doorbell worked. Twice." Her husband ate the candy, and each year since, he has convinced her that "this might be the year."

Some folks think fewer kids go door to door these days, with more organized parties and programs instead. "Kids do their trick-or-treating at school now because of safety reasons or fear of drunk drivers," said Jason Varden, who works for an online video-game company Gazillion and lives with his wife in Milpitas, California. "It goes into the helicopter mom thing of 'We're not going to let our kids go up to strangers.'"

The trend hasn't stopped him from buying the 200-plus-size bags of goodies from Target. "It's all for the children!" he insisted. "But we bought Kit Kats and Snickers—candy we knew we would eat if we had to."

Bryanna Johns, 20, a student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, isn't that far removed from her childhood trick-or-treating, but she thinks the practice "is losing its appeal. People are so worried about can you trust who your child is getting candy from. They're going trick-or-treating more in children's museums, churches and malls instead."



AP

This image released by Jason Varden shows candy purchased in anticipation of Halloween trick-or-treaters iat his home in Milpitas, Calif. on Monday, Oct. 27, 2014.

Taylor Swift talks books and music with kids

By LEANNE ITALIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Who says kids don't read? Not Taylor Swift.

The superstar made a stop Tuesday night on her busy tour promoting her new album to share her passion for reading and writing with a gaggle of New York City public school kids—and 100 more giggling on computer screens via Skype from classrooms in Michigan and California.

Swift, whose "1989" was expected to debut at No. 1 next week, is a lifelong lover of books and writing, particularly songwriting, but she told The Associated Press after chatting with the tweens and teens at Scholastic that she isn't ruling out other writing projects.

She's already an unpublished novelist! At 13 or 14, she wrote a 400-page book based on her life and friends, whom she had left behind during a summer away with her family.

"But since then, I've discovered music and that's the form of writing that inspires me the most. It's not to say that I wouldn't expand the mediums and the ways that I choose to write," Swift said. "What if I end up writing a script or a book, or a book of poetry or something? That would be so amazing. I would love to see that happen."

Her meetup with the kids, six surrounding her on cozy couches at the book publisher's Soho headquarters, was turned into a 30-minute video available at Scholastic.com that has her urging more young people to "open a world of possible" through books.

The students on Skype from Troy, Michigan, and Poway, California, had made signs declaring the superstar awesome. The in-person New Yorkers offered Swift their book recommendations. Among them: "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls and "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper.

And Harry Potter, natch.

The book ideas were timely for Swift as she prepares for a few lengthy flights. Making and promoting her fifth album has left her out of the loop on what to read, she said.



AP

In this Oct. 28, 2014 image released by Scholastic, singer Taylor Swift talks with New York City public school children about the power of reading and writing at an exclusive recording for Scholastic's "Open a World of Possible," at Scholastic's headquarters in New York.

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Past abuses cause present shame for husband in hiding

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of years ago, I was arrested for domestic violence against my wife. We are still married, but since then, I have become antisocial.

I don't like to go to public gatherings where I know the friends we used to hang out with will be, and I rarely communicate with them. I am extremely embarrassed and feel they are judging me. What do I do?

ANTISOCIAL IN OHIO

DEAR ANTISOCIAL: Stop hiding. You aren't "antisocial"; you are ashamed of what you did—and that's a GOOD thing. Many abusers lack that capacity, and because of it they are unable to change their behavior.

I assume that after your arrest, you received counseling and have been able to find outlets other than violence for your frustrations. If you have, let your friends know about it. True friends won't judge you—and people who do are not friends.

DEAR ABBY: During a conversation with my daughter "Jessica," who is a graduate student, I mentioned that one of her teenage cousins who attends a nearby university is getting poor grades. Jessica replied that she wasn't surprised. She said she knows her cousin drinks and parties a lot. Jessica went on to say that "Kristin" asked her to buy liquor for her once, but she refused.

My daughter asked me not to tell my brother and sister-in-law what she said because she felt it would be betraying a confidence. I'm unsure what to do. On one hand, I know underage drinking is common. On the other, I would feel horrible if anything bad happened as a result of my silence. Should I tip them off or keep my mouth shut?

TORN IN IDAHO

DEAR TORN: "Kristin" appears to be immature, and her priorities are misplaced. Her grades might improve if she lived with her parents while taking classes until her judgment improves.

Ask yourself this: If the situation were reversed and the girl with the problem were your daughter, wouldn't you want to be told? If the answer is yes, then notify your brother and sister-in-law.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do about my mother-in-law's unwelcome involvement in my home. She goes behind my back to rearrange furniture, buy decor "gifts" and take care of chores (often making things worse). Yesterday, I came home to find my dishes and silverware had been moved, new rugs and pillows in my living room, and my bedroom nightstand had been replaced!

I have asked her to please talk with me first, and have asked her to stop altogether. My husband stands with me, but she keeps doing it. I don't want to ban her from our home; my husband is her only child. Is there anything else we can do?

HURT IN SANTA ANA

DEAR HURT: Your mother-in-law isn't trying to be helpful; she's trying to be the dominant female in your home. Stop "asking" and TELL her to quit the accessorizing and rearranging because her efforts are not helpful and they are making you angry. Then collect the pillows, the nightstand, etc., and return them to her or donate them to a thrift shop. If she has a key to your house, get it back. She should also not be allowed in your house unless she's supervised.

A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Tonight is the night when wee witches and goblins collect their loot. Please supervise them so they'll be safe.

Love, ABBY

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



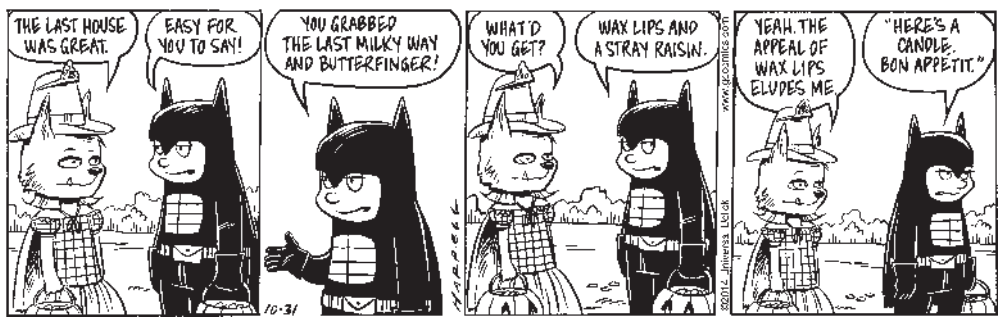
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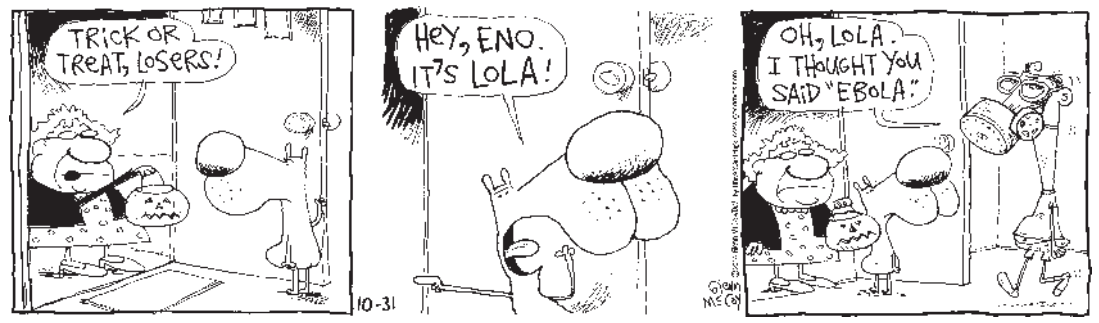
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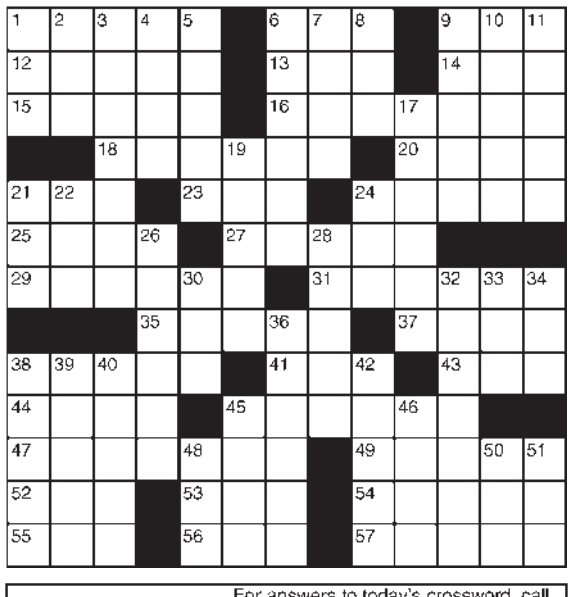
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33 Felon's flight
34 Halves of 43-Across
36 "The Honeymooners" role
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Yesterday's answer 10-31



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Piper Perabo, 38; Mike O'Malley, 48; Dermot Mulroney, 51; Peter Jackson, 53.

Happy Birthday: Take it easy, slow down and enjoy life's little pleasures. Don't let your emotions pull you into unsavory situations. Focus on positive change and how you can use your skills and knowledge to advance. Don't allow emotional situations to cost you professionally or jeopardize your personal relationships. An unexpected change must not throw you off course. Your numbers are 8, 12, 22, 25, 32, 36, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Do things in partnership. Plan to attend a networking function that promises fun as well as opportunities to expand your interests. Don't view a difference of opinion as being negative. Listen, learn and collaborate to come up with the best alternative. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Keep things moderate and within your means. Don't feel obligated to pay for someone else. Taking care of your personal finances will help you stay on top of your situation and avoid a loss. A short trip will improve a partnership. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Getting involved in home-improvement projects or making a residential move will lift your spirits, but may upset your bank balance. Tread carefully if you plan to make expenditures that can swell out of proportion. Embrace change, but be realistic. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't expect others to do things for you. Take responsibility for what needs to be done. Express your thoughts and don't fear hearing a different opinion. Live by your rules and follow your heart. Your intuition won't let you down. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make plans to improve your life. A change of scenery or philosophy will get you moving in a direction better suited to who you are and what you want to accomplish. Don't let anyone hold you back. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will get ahead if you are receptive to change, learning new methods and adopting new concepts. The people you meet on your quest to improve will make contributions along the way, leading to long-lasting connections. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take a moment to reflect and rejuvenate. Nurture, pamper and do the things that you love to do. Taking care of your needs will help clear your head and prepare you for what's to come. A youngster will offer innocent insight. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll be called upon to assist someone you love. You may be short of energy, but what you offer will be extraordinarily helpful to both you and the ones you help. Your emotions will be mixed. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You may think you have everything figured out, but be wary of the people feeding you information. Mixed messages will lead to a costly mistake. Now is not the time to trust someone else to do what's best for you. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take your time and think carefully through every move you make. There is no room for error when it comes to discussions. Use your insight and brawn if necessary to keep things moving along as required to reach your destination. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let emotional confusion take over. Think about the consequences before you leap into action. Discuss your plans with whomever they will impact, making sure you are on the same page before following through. Having someone's blessing will make your victory sweeter. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): An innovative, creative approach to the way you divvy up your money or what you invest in now will make a difference to how well you do down the road. Romance will bring added benefits and a nice contribution. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are quick, intuitive and goal-oriented. You are receptive and eager.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/31

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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TOMMY BAHAMA Solution: 8 letters

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	] CIVIL ACTION] NO. 14-0204
JOSE CAMACHO CABRERA,	] NOTICE OF INITIAL] HEARING ON PETITION] FOR PROBATE OF WILL] AND APPOINTMENT OF] EXECUTOR
Deceased.	] and] NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Date: December 2, 2014
Time: 1:30 pm
Judge: Hon. David A. Wiseman

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSE CAMACHO CABRERA OR HIS ESTATE:

The hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Executor in the above-styled matter has been set for **December 2, at 1:30 pm,** at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, *Guma Hustisia/Iimwaal Aweewe/House of Justice*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against Jose Camacho Cabrera or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication. If the claim is not presented or filed within that time frame, the claim will be forever barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **LILLIAN ADA TENORIO, Attorney at Law, at Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 501794, Saipan, MP 96950.**

Dated October 24, 2014.

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All positions will close on October 31, 2014.
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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of the roof leaks of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Building at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, October 24, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 8, 2014

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-15-005

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFCI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014** , at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered**.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Bulls rip Knicks in Rose return, 104-80

NEW YORK (AP) — Pau Gasol had 21 points and 11 rebounds in his Chicago debut and Derrick Rose scored 13 points after missing most of the last two seasons, helping the Bulls spoiled Derek Fisher's first game as an NBA coach by beating the New York Knicks 104-80 on Wednesday night.

Reserve Taj Gibson finished with 22 points to lead the Bulls, who with a wealth of frontcourt depth didn't even need a big night from Rose. The former MVP took only seven shots and had five assists in 21 minutes in a game Chicago led by as much as 35.

Rose missed the 2012-13 season after tearing his left ACL in the 2012 playoffs. He returned last season and hit the go-ahead shot to beat the Knicks on Halloween in Chicago's home opener, but was lost again for the season when he tore cartilage in the other knee in November.

Carmelo Anthony had 14 points for the Knicks, who won't have it any easier in the second half of their season-opening, back-to-back. They visit the Cavaliers, the other Eastern Conference favorite, on Thursday in the first game since LeBron James returned to Cleveland.

The Knicks, running the triangle offense that Fisher played in under Knicks president Phil Jackson, shot 36.5 percent. They were missing starting point guard Jose Calderon, who was a late scratch because of a strained right calf. Shane Larkin made his first career start.

Heat 107, Wizards 95

In Miami, Chris Bosh had 26 points and 15 rebounds and Norris Cole scored a career-high 23 points after winning Miami's starting point-guard job as the Heat beat Washington to open the post-LeBron James era.

Dwyane Wade added 21 points for Miami, 12 of those down the stretch after he briefly departed with a leg injury. Luol Deng, part of the class assembled this summer after James departed, scored 12 points.

It wasn't just James that the Heat were missing from last year's Game 1 rotation.

Celtics 121, Nets 105

In Boston, Rajon Rondo returned from a broken hand and had 13 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds in the season opener to help Boston beat Brooklyn.

Kelly Olynyk had 19 points and Jeff Green added 17 for Boston, which opened a 29-point lead at the end of the third quarter and coasted to the win.

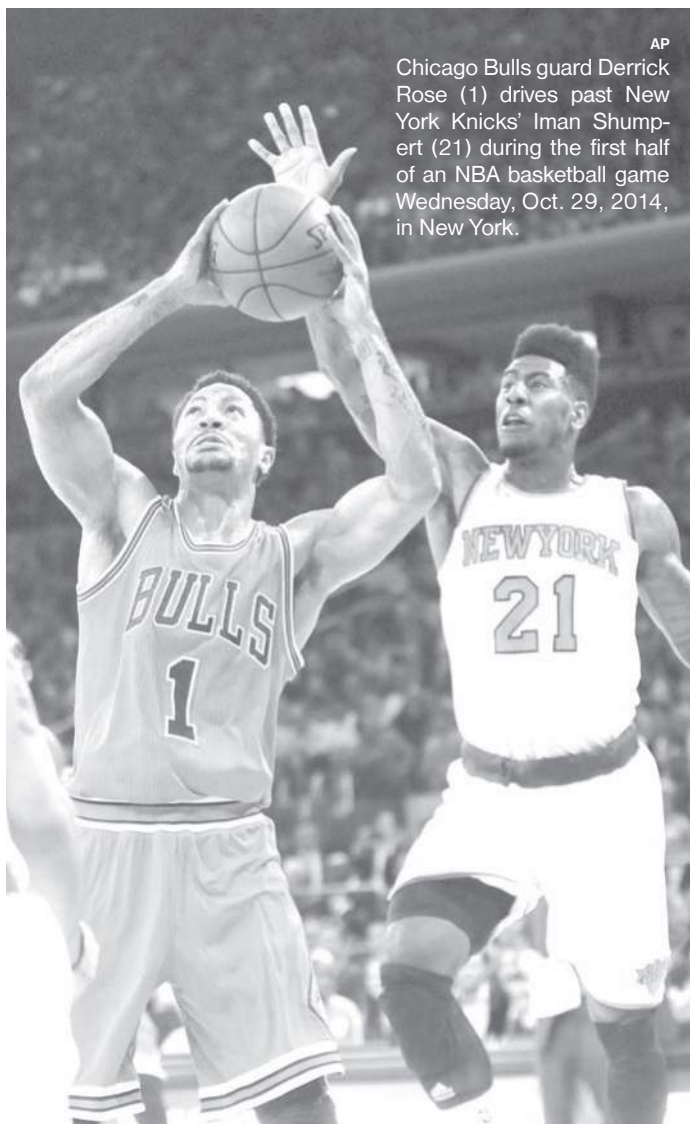
Mirza Teletovic had 20 points and six rebounds in 23 minutes off the bench for the Nets. Joe Johnson scored 19 points for Brooklyn, and Deron Williams had 19 points and eight assists.

Hornets 108, Bucks 106, OT

In Charlotte, Kemba Walker made a 21-footer from the top of the key with 5 seconds left in overtime to lift Charlotte past Milwaukee, providing a winning conclusion for fans celebrating the return of the Hornets name after a 12-year absence.

Walker finished with 26 points, including a tying 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left in regulation as the Hornets erased a 24-point third-quarter deficit.

Brandon Knight led the Bucks with 22 points and 13 assists.



AP

Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose (1) drives past New York Knicks' Iman Shumpert (21) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, in New York.

Grizzlies 105, Timberwolves 101

In Memphis, Marc Gasol scored a career-high 32 points and Memphis beat Minnesota for the franchise's first victory in a season opener since 2000.

Zach Randolph added 25 points and 13 rebounds for Memphis, which had dropped its last 13 openers. Gasol also had nine rebounds, Mike Conley scored 16 points and Courtney Lee finished with 14.

Thaddeus Young had 26 points in his first game with the Timberwolves, going 10 for 18 from the field. Mo Williams scored 18 points and Shabazz Muhammad finished with 13.

Rockets 104, Jazz 93

In Salt Lake City, Dwight Howard had 22 points and 10 rebounds as Houston beat Utah to spoil Quin Snyder's NBA coaching debut.

James Harden added 18 points and 10 assists, and Trevor Ariza had 20 points for the Rockets, who opened the season Tuesday night in Los Angeles with a 108-90 victory over the Lakers.

Alec Burks led Utah with 18 points. Derrick Favors added 16, and Trey Burke had 15.

Houston made 14 of 27 3-point attempts and held Utah to 33 percent shooting in the final quarter.

Pacers 103, 76ers 91

In Indianapolis, Roy Hibbert had 22 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks, leading short-handed Indiana past Philadelphia.

Indiana won its season opener for the fourth consecutive year, but this was the first one during that stretch without All-Star swingman Paul George, who is out after breaking his right leg in two places. The Pacers also played without two other starters, power forward David West (sprained right ankle) and guard George Hill (bruised left knee).

Tony Wroten led the 76ers with 22 points. Nerlens Noel had six points and 10 rebounds in his NBA debut.

Raptors 109, Hawks 102

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan had 15 points and a career-high 11 rebounds, and Kyle Lowry added 11 points in Toronto's victory over Atlanta.

Amir Johnson had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Jonas Valanciunas scored 17 points, and Terrence Ross had 13 for the Raptors, who were an NBA-best 7-1 in the preseason.

Kyle Korver, Jeff Teague and Mike Scott each scored 20 points for the Hawks, and Paul Millsap had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Atlanta's Al Horford, limited to 29 games last season by a torn right pectoral muscle, had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Nuggets 89, Pistons 79

In Denver, Kenneth Faried scored 22 points and had 17 rebounds as Denver beat Detroit in Stan Van Gundy's first game as the Pistons' coach.

Aaron Afflalo, in his second tour with Denver after being acquired in an offseason trade with Orlando, had 15 points. Timofey Mozgov added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Josh Smith led Detroit with 25 points, and D.J. Augustin added 15.

Blazers 106, Thunder 89

In Portland, LaMarcus Aldridge had 27 points and the Trail Blazers rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the injury-depleted Oklahoma City Thunder 106-89 on Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Thunder only suited up nine players. Most notably they were without reigning NBA MVP Kevin Durant, who had surgery for a fractured bone in his right foot this month and will likely be sidelined until December.

Russell Westbrook picked up the slack, with 38 points, including 26 in the first half.

Suns 119, Lakers 99

In Phoenix, the shots were falling from all over the court for the Suns in their home opener Wednesday night.

Kobe Bryant was a one-man show for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The result was a 119-99 Suns blowout.

Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points in his Phoenix debut, Marcus Morris matched his career high with five 3-pointers and the Suns dominated the night despite Bryant's 31 points.

Warriors 95, Kings 77

In Sacramento, the only thing Steve Kerr lost in his coaching debut was his voice.

Stephen Curry had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Klay Thompson scored 19 points and the undermanned Golden State Warriors made Kerr a winner in his first game, shaking off a slow start to roll past the Sacramento Kings 95-77 on Wednesday night in the regular-season opener for both teams.

"I always laughed at Doc (Rivers) and (Tom) Thibodeau. Now it all makes sense," Kerr joked, his raspy voice struggling to piece together words. "I got nothing left."

The Warriors overcame the first hurdle of Kerr's tenure—besides his wavering voice, that is e—with a patchwork lineup that did just enough against their rebuilding Northern California rivals.

Romo: Back pain won't be reason he skips Sunday

IRVING, Texas (AP)—If it's a question of tolerating pain, Tony Romo says he will play Sunday against Arizona—and history supports him on that point.

The issue in the 34-year-old Dallas quarterback's mind is whether he can run the offense while dealing with his third back injury in 18 months. He said Wednesday he doesn't know, which goes to owner Jerry Jones' point that it could be a game-time decision against the Cardinals.

Romo said the injury that sidelined him for about a quarter before he returned late in regulation of Monday's 20-17 overtime loss to Washington was "more than a contusion," referring to coach Jason Garrett's description. He wouldn't be more specific about the damage from a direct hit to his surgically repaired back on a third-quarter sack by linebacker Keenan Robinson.

The latest injury isn't related to the herniated disk Romo played through without leaving the game in a come-from-behind win at Washington before surgery five days later last December. And Jones offered that it has nothing to do with the cyst Romo had removed from his back in April 2013, sidelining him the entire offseason last year.

All in all, Romo said he "dodged a bullet."

"Anytime someone's had back surgery you're always a little bit nervous when you get hit in a specific instance like that," Romo said. "The positive is it's completely unrelated to the disk or anything that could be long term, per se. So that part of if, yeah, that's a positive. As far as feeling great, I feel like that's a negative. But I think that will come."

Romo has said the pain he endured last year in Washington was worse than a 2011 game in San Francisco, where he slipped past doctors in the locker room and led a comeback win with cracked ribs and a punctured lung. He even played the next week, beating the Redskins.

"I don't know that I've ever seen anybody who has a tougher will, his mind, and it helps him tremendously with pain threshold," Jones said. "Combination of those two things, he's as tough-minded and physically tough a player as I've ever been around."

And that's why Romo says pain won't have much to do with the decision.

"It will be about your ability to be productive in some fashion," Romo said. "That part of it we will continue to evaluate."

Brandon Weeden led the Cowboys (6-2) to points on both possessions that Romo missed, and he will start against the Cardinals (6-1) if Romo can't play. That would also mean undrafted rookie Dustin Vaughan would be activated from the practice squad for the first time.

Weeden's last start was last December for Cleveland, which drafted him in the first round in 2012 and started him immediately before dumping him with a 5-15 career record after two seasons. He signed with the Cowboys in the offseason.

"I'm going to treat it no different," said Weeden, who's had more quality practice time than most backups because of the way the Cowboys have managed Romo's workouts. "If he's able to go, that's the best thing. We'll see how everything plays out."

Garrett offered little insight into Romo's status, refusing to discuss anything beyond Wednesday's work. But Jones indicated on his radio show that Romo would skip Thursday's practice because that's the first full workout of the week in pads. All season, Romo has missed the first practice, typically on Wednesdays, because of his post-surgery routine.

Romo's trying to make the week as normal as possible.

"I think you just prepare like you always do," he said. "You watch tape. You do what you do in a normal week, and you go and play football."

While Jones was relieved that Romo didn't have a season-ending injury, it was the third different back problem for the first player in franchise history to sign a $100 million contract. He's in the second year of a six-year, $108 million extension with $55 million guaranteed.

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onship pushed to the limit.

A two-out misplay in the ninth almost wrecked it for Bumgarner and the Giants. He had retired 14 in a row when Alex Gordon's single fell in front of center fielder Gregor Blanco, who let the ball get past him for an error that allowed Gordon to reach third.

Bumgarner, however, retired Salvador Perez on a foulout to third baseman Pedro Sandoval. The big left-hander was immediately embraced by catcher Buster Posey, and the rest of the Giants rushed to the mound to join the victory party. Most of the San Francisco players tossed their gloves high in the air as they ran to the center of the diamond.

Three days after throwing 117 pitches in a four-hit shutout to win Game 5, Bumgarner threw 68 more and dropped his record-low career Series ERA to a barely visible 0.25.

He joined Arizona ace Randy Johnson (2001) as the only pitchers in the expansion era to win three games in one Series.

Michael Morse hit a go-ahead single in the fourth that stood up, and the Giants eked out a battle of the bullpens on a night when both starting pitchers made unusually quick exits.

The Giants were dubbed a "Band of Misfits" in 2010 when they beat Texas to win the franchise's first title since 1954 in New York. Two years later, they swept Detroit for another championship.

And this time, they became the second NL team with three titles in a five-year span, matching Stan Musial's St. Louis Cardinals of 1942-46.

Every other year. It's the closest thing to a dynasty baseball has seen in the 21st century.

Home teams had won nine straight Game 7s in the Series since Pittsburgh's victory at Baltimore in 1979, including the Royals' 11-0 rout of St. Louis in 1985. Teams hosting the first two games had won 23 of the last 28 titles, including five in a row. And the Giants had lost all four of their previous World Series pushed to the limit.

But before a pumped-up, blue-and-white-clad crowd of 40,535 that hoped noise and passion could lift the small-market Royals to a title that seemed improbable when Kansas City was languishing two games under .500 in mid-July, the Giants won the second all-wild card World Series, 12 years after losing Game 7 to the Angels in the first.

Both managers promised quick hooks if their starters showed the slightest signs of faltering, and both managers delivered as Tim Hudson and Jeremy Guthrie combined for 15 outs—matching the fewest by Game 7 starters. Hudson, at 39 the oldest Game 7 starter, allowed two runs in 1 2-3 innings. The 35-year-old Guthrie took the loss, giving up three runs in 3 1-3 innings

Jeremy Affeldt followed Hudson with 2 1-3 innings of scoreless relief in his longest outing since July 2012, getting help from the first successful replay challenge in World Series history.

With his shaggy hair making him look every bit a gunslinger, Bumgarner entered to boos in the bottom of the fifth, coated his long arms with rosin and groomed the pocked-up mound with his spikes.

He gave up an opposite-field single to his first batter, Omar Infante, who advanced on a sacrifice. Bumgarner retired Nori Aoki on a liner near the left-field line that was grabbed by Juan Perez, starting over Travis Ishikawa because of his defense. Bumgarner then struck out Lorenzo Cain.

He retired the side in order in the sixth, seven and eighth, increasing his pitch count to 52. With loud chants of "Let's Go Royals!" echoing through Kauffman Stadium, he struck out Eric Hosmer to open the ninth, then retired Billy Butler on a foulout to bring up Gordon.

The 25-year-old Bumgarner allowed two hits, struck out four and walked none. He pitched 52 2-3 postseason innings, 4 1-3 more than the previous mark set by Arizona's Curt Schilling in 2001, and finished with 270 innings combined, including the regular season.

Voted the Series MVP, Mad-Bum became king of SoMa, and from Nob Hill to North Beach, from The Marina to The Mission, San Francisco celebrated another title won by Kung Fu Panda and Hunter Pence.

Pence batted .444 in the Series and Sandoval, a free-agent-to-be playing perhaps his last game for the Giants, finished at .429 following a three-hit night. In an era when pitching and computer-aided defense has supplanted steroids-saturated sluggers, baseball's dominant team established itself in the tech-fueled, boomtown by the Bay.

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Francisco ace shut them down in five innings of relief, and the Giants held on for a 3-2 victory and their third championship in five years.

It didn't come without a little bit of drama.

The Royals were 90 feet away from forcing extra innings when Alex Gordon ripped a two-out single in the ninth, and center fielder Gregor Blanco misplayed the ball for an error that put Gordon on third base. But one more time, Bumgarner proved his mettle.

He threw a 93-mph fastball that Salvador Perez popped foul along the third-base line, and Pablo Sandoval made the catch before falling to his back in jubilation.

Gordon walked slowly past him on the way back to the dugout.

"It hurts, you know, to come as close as we came in a one run game," manager Ned Yost said, "and to really as magical as our run has been to end up losing the ballgame by 90 feet is tough."

Kansas City made a big push over the second half just to reach the playoffs, and then rallied from four runs down against Oakland in the wild-card game to win in 12 innings.

That was only the start of their incredible October run.

They went to extra innings twice in sweeping the Los Angeles Angels in the divisional round, and then went to extras again in sweeping the Baltimore Orioles in the AL Championship Series. Along the way, their hardscrabble nature and effervescent personalities endeared the Royals to baseball fans across the country, many who knew nothing about them.

They showed their resilience once more in the World Series.

After splitting the first two games at home, they lost two of three in San Francisco, returning to Kansas City needing a victory just to force a deciding Game 7.

They got it in a 10-0 rout behind flamethrower Yordano Ventura, who dedicated the win to the late Cardinals outfielder Oscar Taveras, who died in a car crash over the weekend.

Kansas City rallied once more in the finale, falling behind 2-0 in the second inning when the Giants managed back-to-back sacrifice flies against Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie.

In the bottom half, Billy Butler laced a single up the middle, and Gordon drove in a run with a double. He later took third base on a fly out by Mike Moustakas, and then hustled home for the tying run when Omar Infante sent another flyball to center field.

The Giants regained the lead in the fourth when Pablo Sandoval and Hunter Pence opened the inning with singles, and Michael Morse's base hit drove in a run. But hard-throwing relief pitcher Kelvin Herrera escaped the jam without allowing another run.

Wade Davis and Greg Holland, the other two pieces of their brilliant bullpen trio, kept San Francisco off the board the rest of the way. But an offense that had rolled the previous night was shut down one more time by Bumgarner, the beguiling lefty who pitched the Giants to victory in Game 1 and then tossed a shutout in Game 5.

Now, the question is whether it will take another 29 years for the Royals to return.

MP United U17 makes finals of Pilipinas Cup



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of MP United U17 pose with their runner-up trophy and organizers of the 2014 Pilipinas Cup during the awards ceremony yesterday at the Nuvali Evoliving Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Philippines.

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MP United Football Club surpassed its performance in last year's Pilipinas Cup after advancing to the finals of the U17 division of the annual competition yesterday at Nuvali Evoliving Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The club, which fielded a U18 team last year and finished third, this time advanced to the championship game after beating University of Batangas in the semifinals, 2-0. Tanapon Unsa and Jehn Joyner scored one goal apiece in MP United's morning semis game against the last qualifier.

With the victory, the Norman Del Rosario-coached team set a finals date with the mighty Far Easter University Diliman, which was made up of several players who were part of the champion team in last year's U18 competition. The winner-take-all finale was played in the afternoon and FEU Diliman lived up to expectations, downing MP United, 2-0. No other details of the title match were available at press time.

MP United finished the U17 competition with five wins and one loss, sweeping its elimination round games against University of Sto. Tomas High School, Manila Soccer Academy, University of Batangas, and Iriga City-USANT before meeting Batangas anew in the semis. The team fielded 15 players in the tournament with Enrico del Rosario, Daniel Bae, Chan Woo Jeong, Scott Kim, John Diego Masga, Luis Borja, Marco Borja, Karmello Carlos Rodriguez, Julian Roxas, Ryu Tanzawa, David Yang, and Jason Kim joining Unsa and Joyner on the roster.

Meanwhile, MP United's U14 team settled for a fourth place finish in its division after losing two playoff games yesterday.

The squad challenged Don Bosco College Canlubang in the semifinals and dropped the morning match, 0-1. Then in the battle for third place, MP United U14 was pitted against Green Barons FC and also lost, 0-2. Pilipinas Dragons took the division title after blanking Don Bosco in the finals, 4-0.

Fruit rules cross country final leg

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Mason Fruit capitalized on Seiya Eda's absence to rule the third and final leg of the 2014 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Despite the early morning rains, Fruit and 76 other runners participated in the Northern Marianas Athletics-organized race with 37 coming from Saipan Community School. The Marianas High School's Fruit clocked in 20:07 to beat five other runners in the U18 division and join Eda on the winner's list. Eda won the first two stagings of the annual cross country race, the last on Oct. 18 after registering 16:47.

Agape Christian School's Ou Yan Zhi finished more than one minute behind Fruit with a time of 21:21, while Matthew Terry, also of MHS, came in third (23:50). Isaiah Laniyo (24:02), Robert Jomar Malate (24:05) and Michael Dy (25:04) completed the U18 runners.

Gabrielle Race was the lone participant in the girls side, finishing second overall in U18 division with a time of 20:26.

Mt. Carmel School's Nathaniel Lim topped the boys' U14 division (13:18), while Lyka Sally of Hopwood Junior High School duplicated the feat in the girls class (13:40).

SCS runners placed second and third in both categories with Haruya Eda (13:21) and Seung Bin Bae (13:22) completing the Top 3 in the boys' side, and Annabelle Sablan (15:48) and Celina Wu (19:21) in the girls division. Alex Chen also of SCS and Kiana Valencia came in fourth in the U14 class with times of 23:44 and 20:23, respectively.

Ken Song (6:12) and Sang Won (6:28) had a 1-2 finish for SCS in the U12 boys' division, while Whispering Palms' Blake Mister came in third (6:29). Carol Lee (SCS, 6:26); Desrei Camacho (SCS, 7:47) and Dychhya Bhujel (Dandan Middle School, 9:46) were the finishers in the girls class.

The U10 Top 3 finishers were WPS' Kaden Church (6:24) and Dylan Mister (6:41), and William S. Reyes' John Mark (6:49) in the boys side, while Victoria Jade C. Torres (San Vicente Elementary School, 7:10); Nathanette Blas (Koblerville Elementary School, 7:28) and SCS' Sedrei Camacho (7:29) prevailed in the girls division.

Kaito (SCS, 6:42); Robert DeCourtney (WPS, 7:22) and Jesus Sablan (SCS, 8:01); and Hilah Bacani (SCS, 8:47), Kylie Ann Sablan (SVES, 8:53) and Jenny Zhang (SCS, 9:01) finished 1-2-3 in the boys and girls U8 divisions.



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Participants in the final leg of the 2014 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series head out to the course inside the American Memorial Park last Saturday.

Kagman returns to winning ways in MISO v'ball

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Kagman High School returned to the winning column when it outlasted Saipan International School's junior varsity side on Thursday night in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Kagman pulled of a 25-22, 25-22 decision over the SIS Geckos to hike its win-loss record to 4-6.

The Ayuyus bounced back from three straight setbacks, the last an 18-25, 16-25 loss to the Grace Christian Academy Eagles on Tuesday.

Kagman needed to double up its defense in order to snatch the first set as SIS, which trailed for most part of the opening set, ran out of steam in the home stretch.

It was almost the same story in the second set.

Holding on to a 21-18 advantage, Kagman allowed SIS to threaten at 21-20 and the last time at 23-22.

The Ayuyus scored the last two points on consecutive errors by the Geckos to escape with the win.

In other results, Mt. Carmel School scored a 25-14, 25-12 victory over Marianas Baptist Academy in an all-varsity team match, while MHS junior varsity squad won by default against Saipan Southern High School JV. MBA escaped with a thrilling 23-25, 25-17, 15-11 triumph over SSHS in another all-varsity contest. Matches between SIS and GCA, and MHS and SSHS in the varsity division were still being played at press time.

In other results last Tuesday, SIS varsity team defeated MHS junior varsity, 25-11, 25-17, and Mt. Carmel's varsity squad, 25-19, 25-19. The Geckos' junior varsity side also scored a 25-13, 25-14 victory over their MHS counterparts. GCA tripped MVA, 25-16, 25-15, in an all-varsity pairing, while MHS varsity team won by default against SSHS junior varsity.



JON PEREZ
Saipan International School junior varsity players eye the ball during their game against Kagman High School varsity in the MISO boys volleyball league yesterday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Santos, and Kelsey Lizama, has yet to barge into the win column after two games. It dropped its opener against Independents FC and had its match against Paire FC in Week 2 rescheduled.

Horey made it to the board first (16th minute), while Alferos followed suit nine minutes later to even up the count before Tuazon scored in the 33rd to hand Tan Holding's the lead. However, Tan Holdings lost the upper hand, as Matansa got back-to-back goals in a span of two minutes from Santos and Lizama to take the halftime lead. Matansa hung on to the driver's seat in the first part of the second half before Camacho came into Tan Holding's rescue and tied the match.

Meanwhile, Wild Bill's won the lone game played in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai pitch.

Thanyakorn Konkoed scored in the 32nd minute to put Wild Bill's on top and this teammates played solid defense in the remaining minutes to shut out Tan Holdings FC.

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field, which also include Japan and the hosts' bets

"It was a good opportunity for me and Gerald (Galang) to compete against pros from Guam and Japan. It was a great experience and we learned so much that would further help us with our training. And we could also pass the information to others."

Tomokane specifically wanted to share insights to younger bodybuilders in the CNMI.

"There are a number of young bodybuilders now on Saipan. Young kids are stepping up and hopefully they are the future of bodybuilding," said Tomokane.

Tomokane named Gino Celis, George Pangelinan, Nate Cruz, Vince Aldan, Gerald Galang, Donovan Mendiola, Alberto Roberto and John Nekaifes as some of the younger generation of bodybuilders who could represent the CNMI in future competitions. He added that these young bodybuilders and a number of veterans should start training to prepare for upcoming competitions.

"What we're trying to do is get organized and hold another competition so everyone here on Saipan can compete against each other. Just for fun. We're working on that as soon as possible," added Tomokane.

Meanwhile, after joining back-to-back competitions in less than two months, Tomokane is planning to take a break.

"I want to take some time off for now. Bodybuilding is a different sport, you have to train and at the same time watch what you're eating especially when you have to cut weight," said the Gold's Gym personal trainer, who is begging off from representing the CNMI in the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

"If you're going to ask me, I would rather send somebody else. I will support him, and help him with his training and preparation for the Pacific Games," the Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation treasurer added.

Shirley's, Kanoa dominate opponents

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Shirley's Football Club and Kanoa Football Club notched easy wins in their respective games in the Women's M-League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Shirley's FC played in the first match of the league's Week 3 and topped the debuting Paire Football Club, 5-0.

Alexa Vergara towed Shirley's FC to its third win in as many matches after scoring three goals. Jeraldine Castillo and Negahr Rastguiy registered the two other goals for the unbeaten Shirley's FC with the former kicking off the team's scoring right in the first minute of the match.

Vergara then hit the board in the 17th minute to start her string of three goals, as she found the back of the net, too in the 36th and 47th minute. Rastguiy closed out for Shirley's with her goal in the 53rd minute.

In the third and last game of the week, Kanoa FC downed MP United, 7-4.

Jeralyn Castillo starred in the victory, firing six goals, five of them came in succession.

Jeralyn Castillo drained her first goal in the 13th minute to tie the match after Jayda Mendoza scored for MP United in the third minute. A Mikky Vargas goal in the 17th put Kanoa on top, but MP United retaliated off Karleen Reyes' shot in the 21st to force another deadlock. Jeralyn Castillo then broke the standoff with her second goal in the 24th and had her third six minutes later to give Kanoa a 4-2 halftime lead.

Jeralyn Castillo kept going in the second half, making three more goals, while MP United countered with only two courtesy of Mendoza's second goal in the match and Kayla Ito's first.

Kanoa improved its record to 2-0-1 (win-draw-loss), while MP United fell to a 0-0-3 card.

In the other game in the Women's M-League, Tan Holdings forced a draw against Matansa FC, 3-3.

Stephanie Camacho made the equalizer in the 70th minute, while Mary Kay Alferos and Krizel Tuazon posted the two other goals for Tan Holdings, which now has a 1-1-0 slate.

Matansa, which drew goals from Bernadette Horey, Sabrina

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A Paire Football Club player, left, dribbles away from the defense of Shirley's FC's Negahr Rastguiy, center, while teammate Connie Camacho looks on during the second half of their game in the Women's M-League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Tomokane to share pointers with younger bodybuilders

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Mariana Islands Bodybuilding Dee Clayton Classic champion Aaron Tomokane learned a lot from his participation in last weekend's 2014 Michelob Ultra Bodybuilding & Body Fitness Championship and International Invitational in Guam and looks to share these information to other bodybuilders.

Tomokane joined the physique event of the Guam tournament and placed eighth out of the 13 participants in the

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Aaron Tomokane poses for the judges during the physique event of the 2014 Michelob Ultra Bodybuilding & Body Fitness Championship and International Invitational in Guam last week.

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Bumgarner lifts Giants to World Series win



AP

San Francisco Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner throws during the fifth inning of Game 7 of baseball's World Series against the Kansas City Royals Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants succeeded where no team had in 3 1/2 decades, winning Game 7 on the road for their third World Series title in five years.

Punctuating one of the finest October performances in baseball history, Bumgarner came out of the bullpen to pitch five scoreless innings on two days' rest for his third win of the Series, and the Giants held off the Kansas City Royals 3-2 Wednesday night in a champi-

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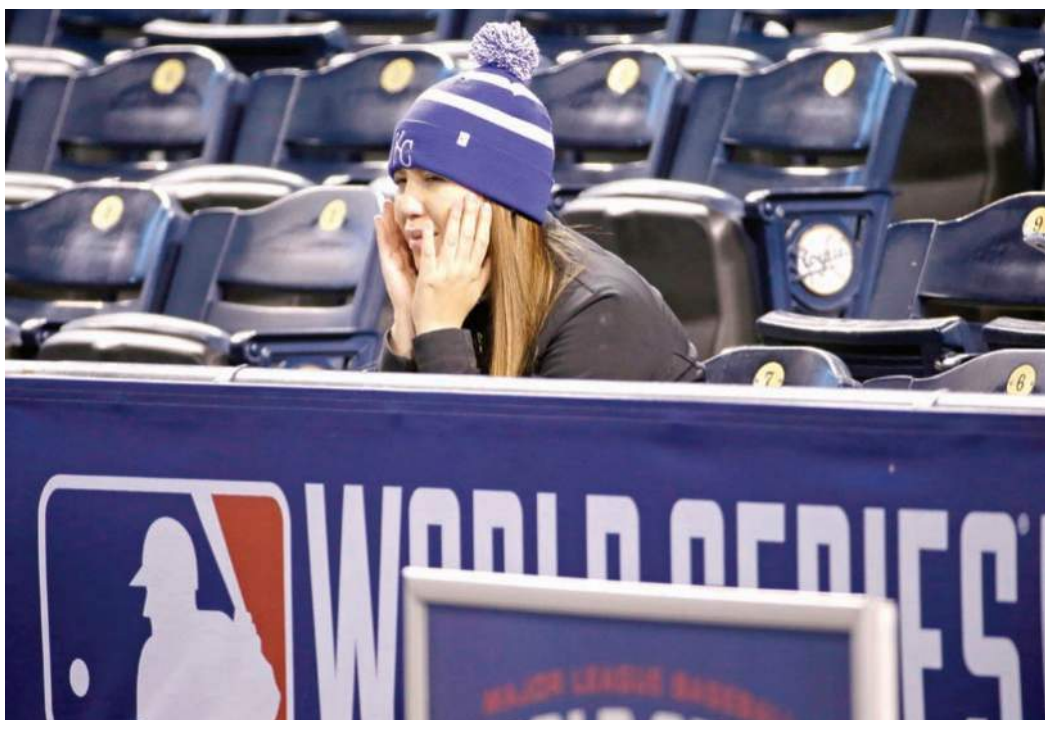
Royals' dream season falls short

By DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Kansas City Royals took their dream season to the limit, falling just short of their first World Series title since 1985.

After qualifying for the postseason for the first time in 29 years, and taking an entire baseball-starved city on a magical ride to the World Series, the Royals ran into the Madison Bumgarner buzz-saw once again in Game 7. The San

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A Kansas City Royals fan reacts as San Francisco Giants players celebrate after Game 7 of baseball's World Series against the Kansas City Royals Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Giants won 3-2 to win the series.

SIDEBAR

Bumgarner runs away with MVP award

By DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Giants starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner has won the 2014 World Series MVP and it's likely it came in blowout fashion.

After dominating the Royals in Game 1 and throwing a shutout in Game 5, Bumgarner finished the Royals in Game 7 with five shutout innings, allowing only two hits while striking out four and allowing no walks. He earned a save for his efforts.

"He came back out on short rest and dominated," said Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer. "You just have to tip your cap to him. He's a bulldog out there, he's a workhorse."

For the series as a whole, Bumgarner was 2-0 with the Game 7 save while allowing only nine hits, one run and one walk in 21 innings of work while striking out 17. So he had an ERA of 0.43 and a WHIP of 0.48 with a K:BB ratio of 17:1.

"He got it done. He did a great job against us," said Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain. "My hat's off to him."

In an era of hyperbole and overreaction, Bumgarner's performance in this series needed no beautification. It truly was one of the greatest World Series pitching performances. In World Series history, Bumgarner just became the sixth man to pitch at least five innings in three different World Series games while allowing no more than one earned run per contest. The others: Christy Mathewson, Sandy Koufax, Waite Hoyt, George Earnshaw and Stan Coveleski. Four of those cases came in 1930 or earlier, with Koufax doing it in 1965.

Speaking of Koufax, he had a 0.38 ERA in 24 innings that World Series. Again, Bumgarner had a 0.43 ERA in 21 innings. Not quite as great, but still in the conversation.

How about this? No reliever has gone at least five scoreless innings in relief since 1984 and it's only happened now 19 times in World Series history.

You could argue he carried the Giants, as he completely took over three of the four games they won.

In that sense, although both Pablo Sandoval and Hunter Pence had great series, this award was a "no-brainer," which were Royals manager Ned Yost's exact words when learning Bumgarner won the series MVP. He was simply on another level in this series and there was no disputing this one.

Or, to put it more succinctly, Brandon Belt offered up a quick-hitting bit of praise:

"He's just a badass."

Well said.